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KRETA AYER SHOOTING AT SINGAPORE.

SOLICITOR GENERAL'S
STATEMENT AT
INQUEST.

HISTORY OF THE RIOT.

An inquest was opened in the Criminal District Court of Singapore on March 17th afternoon, before the acting Coroner (Colonel J. H. Tye) and a jury consisting of two Europeans and three leading Chinese residents, into the deaths of six Chinese who were killed in the shooting affair in front of Kreta Ayer police station on the Sun Yat Sen Anniversary.

Mr. Seth's Opening Address.

Mr. Seth, The Solicitor General, in opening the proceedings, said the day of the shooting was the anniversary of the death of Sun Yat Sen, and the first chapter was concerned with the celebrations of that anniversary.

About three days before the shooting certain representative Chinese gentlemen approached the Chinese Protectorate and said that the Chinese wished to hold a commemorative service on the Sun Yat Sen anniversary.

No Speeches!

They were referred to the Chief Police Officer to whom they said, "All we want is to have a meeting-place in the Happy Valley. Sun Yat Sen's portrait will be hung up there, and various Chinese clans will come in an orderly way, pay their respects to the photograph, and then go away quietly. There will be no speeches made, no attempt to influence or agitate anyone, and there will be no processions to obstruct the traffic."

The Chief Police Officer replied that if that was all they did not require a licence from him. He knew, however, that there would probably be crowds of people passing along the streets, and that the police ought to be ready in case of any trouble.

He kept the police well away from the locality, but ready, at the stations in case they were needed. He put traffic police on duty outside the Happy Valley, as he had to do, but so far as the police were concerned they did nothing whatever to provoke any idea of a clash between the public and the police. All that they did was to warn stations in the vicinity, Tanjong Pagar, Kreta Ayer, and the detective station, to stand by.

At the Happy Valley.

At the Happy Valley the proceedings were perfectly orderly, until the Hailams came on the scene. The other clans came by lorry, or on foot and filed in until about 1.30 p.m., when the Hailam contingents arrived in a body. The proceedings started at noon, and there were no disturbances of any sort until the Hailams arrived in a body of about 2,000, and hardly had they entered when they started to make speeches, and the committee men, several of whom were Justices of the Peace, interfered and pointed out that they had guaranteed that there should be no speeches.

The Hailams would not listen, and when a committee man and another official tried to stop them they assaulted Mr. Ng Seng Pang, who was a J.P., Mr. Teo Yee Hee and Mr. Wong Siew Yuen, who was very badly hurt.

The police tried to interfere, and P.C. 293, a Malay was very badly wounded, while P.C. 870 was attacked with knives, cut about, and knocked down.

The Hailams streamed out of the building saying: "We are going to have our procession; we do not care about any police regulations." The Hailams went out of the Happy Valley in a truculent mood and marched down Anson Road, Maxwell Road, and into South Bridge Road. They formed a large mass of people shouting, gesticulating, waving flags, and dropping pamphlets which were apparently directed against "plutocrats."

The evidence of Mr. Thompson, of the Tramway Company, would be that he was held up by a crowd whose demand was anything but peaceful. He went to the Kreta Ayer station, where he telephoned to the Central Station.

Mr. Thompson heard a great noise and ran out to see what was the matter, whereupon he saw Inspector Dale being attacked and dragged into the station, followed by a hostile crowd, while two constables who were on traffic duty and who had gone to the help of Inspector Dale were being badly assaulted. The police armed with batons attacked the crowd and drove them back. Upon that, the crowd followed the police practically up to the station door, and then Mr. Thompson heard four shots fired, though he did not know who gave the order to fire.

It would be for the jury to decide who, if anyone, gave the order to fire. All the Asiatic police said that when Inspector Dale staggered into the station and fell down on a chair he said: "If they attack the station fire on them." Inspector Dale would say quite frankly that after he had been assaulted he did not remember whether he gave the order to fire or not, because he was in a dazed and fainting condition for a few minutes.

The last act of the drama, Mr. Seth stated, was when Mr. Onnet, Mr. Dickinson, three inspectors and other police arrived in motor cars from the Happy Valley and dispersed the crowd. The police were able to state that not more than 33 shots were fired, and there were 24 police in the station.

THE EVIDENCE.

When the inquest was continued last Friday afternoon, Mr. Oliver Thompson, Traffic Superintendent of Singapore Tramways, said that when he arrived the crowd was howling, shouting, waving flags and behaving in a boisterous manner. The procession was then composed more or less of small boys. The Coroner: You don't mean children—I do, sir.

Mr. Seth: Up to what age? From eight to fifteen years. The mass of Chinese, continued witness, who were making the noise, were not marching. They had collected when the procession stopped. Nothing could move and it was one mass of people. As the procession was moving towards Singapore he was confident things would get worse.

He looked around to see if there were any police inspectors or officers but could see no one, so he telephoned to the Central Police station.

When he entered the station, the native police congregated in the doorway looking out. He could not say whether they were armed at the time or not. Then the men upstairs came running down the stairs. They were not in uniform. They took hold of rifles and batons. He saw ammunition on the table and the men helping themselves. He did not actually see any rifles loaded, being more concerned with the telephone at the time.

Inspector Dale Injured.

Just at that moment Inspector Dale came rushing into the station bleeding profusely from a wound in the back of the head. He was in a chair and saw he was in a very bad condition. The native police then rushed out armed with rifles and batons.

Witness saw the armed men standing with their rifles ready round the station, their bayonets fixed.

Witness then marked the position on a plan where a constable in plain clothes was lying being beaten. He was striking out with his baton to keep the crowd away. He was a Bengali. One Chinese was being hauled him with a wooden chair, and another was hitting him with a stool. Others were kicking.

Witness saw armed men coming to the rescue. After some shots had been fired, he saw Inspector Dale walk to the door and shout something to the constables in Malay after which the constables stepped back and there was silence for a while. Mr. Dale then sat down again, and there was more howling and a band started playing. This was followed by firing. He heard no order for firing, and could not say whether such order was given or not. Mr. Dale again went to the door and shouted to his men in the same manner as he did when the first firing occurred. Several Europeans then drove up in motor cars, one of whom spoke to the native police who immediately afterwards lined up two deep. Witness then took Mr. Dale to hospital.

Firing Justified.

Asked if he could express any opinion as to whether the lives of the people in the station were in danger, witness replied that they certainly were. He came to that conclusion by reason of the attitude of the Chinese, when they attacked the Bengali constable. He heard no orders given in English to fire. He thought that Inspector Dale was so seriously injured that he was unable to take proper command of the station. He thought that, judging by the temper of the crowd, some of them would have stepped at nothing. He felt that they were going to rush the station and such a small number of men, even armed rifles, could not have held out for long. He thought the firing was justified.

The hearing was adjourned.

HONG KONG IMPORTS.

Fortnightly Price Current TEXT AND MARKET REPORT.

BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The fortnightly price current and market report, published by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, dealing with imports, states:—

COTTON PIECE GOODS AND FANCY COTTON GOODS.—A little more enquiry has been noticeable and sales of Whites and plain Blacks are reported. Deliveries have been well maintained and must be considered satisfactory. Cotton quotations show little change, the latest being those of 3rd inst. Eg. Sakel 13.35d. Amer. "Spot" 7.60d.

COTTON YARN.—The market remains dull. No sales have taken place since the last report, and prices are on the easy side. Quotations are purely nominal: No. 10s 14.45 to 15.05, No. 12 15.10 to 15.60, No. 16 15.65 to 17.00, No. 20 17.05 to 17.75. Arrivals all, shipments nil, sales nil, unsold stocks 12,600 bales, bargains 12,500 bales.

WOOLLEN.—Buying on a small scale proceeded during the first period since last report but demand has since lessened and the needs of the market seem to have been met for the time being.

RAW COTTON.—No business to report.

METALS.—Market quiet, very little doing.

FOUR-MARKET REPORT.—Stocks: About 20,000 shares. Market: Steady. Quotations: American Cabot, \$4.30 to \$4.40 per sack; American Straight, \$3.15 to \$3.25 per sack; American Cut off, \$3.25 to \$3.30 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.45 to \$3.50 per sack; Canadian Cut off, \$3.15 to \$3.25 per sack; Canadian Straight, \$3.10 to \$3.20 per sack; Canadian Mixture, \$3.05 to \$3.30 per sack; Canadian 2nd Clear, \$2.95 per sack.

SUNDRIES.—Market showing signs of activity. Some sales reported. Market steady.

SUGAR.—Market quiet, with downward tendency.

SALTSTICK.—Stocks 14,000 bags. Market very quiet since last circular.

MANILA THIEF SENTENCED.

STOLE MONEY COLLECTED FOR CHARITY.

Elisao Florante, founder and manager of "Perla del Oriente," a charitable association of Manila, was sentenced last week by the Supreme Court of Manila to serve six months in jail for having embezzled the funds which he had collected from Manila and nearby provinces for the ostensible relief of sufferers from public calamities. The Court also ordered him to indemnify his victims, in the amount of P.423.43 or imprisonment in case of insolvency, from whom he had collected that amount.

Between May to September, 1925, posing as the 'champion' of the needy, he collected the sum of P.224.40 from charitably disposed people in Manila and adjacent provinces upon representation that the money was to be used for the aid of the sufferers from public calamities. Only a negligible portion of this sum ever reached any needy person, and even according to his own statement, less than the amount of P.44, according to the findings of the Court.

In self-offering voluntary contributions from the public, Florante employed the services of several women.—*Manila Times.*

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUVER, March 27th.

Paris	124.05
Brussels	34.94
Amsterdam	12.13
Berlin	20.47 13/16
Copenhagen	18.12
Vienna	24.53
Helsingfors	192.70
Lisbon	2.23/64
Buenos Aires	73.84
Buenos Aires	47.5/10
New York	4.95
Cebu	28.24
Canton	105.4
Stockholm	18.12
Oslo	18.63
Prague	164
Madrid	27.11
Athens	37.6
Rio	5.47/64
Bombay	1/5 15/16
Yokohama	2/04
Shanghai	2/64
Hong Kong	1/11
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COST OF COLLECTING THE BETTING TAX.

FOUR PER CENT

Mr. Churchill expressed confidence in the House of Commons that the cost of collecting the betting tax would not exceed £150,000 a year, but pleaded for delay when asked if there had been an appreciable decline in receipts owing to a reduction in credit owing.

"Experience does not suggest," he said in reply to other questions, "that the estimate of £150,000 for the annual cost of collecting the duty will not prove to be substantially correct. Comparing this with the estimated yield of the duty for a full year of £8,000,000, the percentage cost works out at 4 per cent."

Comment on this calculation—for 4 per cent on £8,000,000 amounts to £320,000—was forgotten in laughter when Lady Astor asked, "The next time you bring in a Bill like this, will you take the advice of some of us who know?" To this Mr. Churchill replied, "I was not prepared to receive such a confession."

Further Legislation.

The text has been issued of the Bill introduced by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons to prevent evasion of the betting tax by making bets with bookmakers in other countries. The "Betting Overseas (Prohibition) Bill," as it is called, declares that "it shall not be lawful for any person in Great Britain to make with a bookmaker a bet on an event to be determined in Great Britain, unless the bet is made in Great Britain." A bet with a foreign branch of a bookmaker carrying on business both in Great Britain and abroad would be illegal. An offence of £100 may be enforced for an offence.

EXCHANGE.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

March 28th, 1927.

On LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 13/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	—
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2/0 15/16
Documentary Bills	—
months' sight	2/0 15/16
On PARIS—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1.225
Credit, 4 months' sight	1.300
On NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	48
Credit, at 60 days' sight	49
On BOMBAY—	
Telegraphic Transfer	132
Bank Bills, on demand	132
On CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	132
Bank Bills, on demand	132
On SHANGHAI—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
On CANTON—	
On demand	97
On HANKOW—	
On demand	97
On HONGKONG—	
On demand	120
On HAIKOW—	
On demand	nom.
On SHANGHAI—	
On demand	94
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JUDGE'S OPINION OF BAD LANGUAGE.

AFFECTION RATHER THAN REPROACH.

At the instance of the Freeman's Hospital and Nursing Home, Fulham-road, S.W., an injunction was granted by Mr. Justice Eve restraining Mr. A. B. Hemmings, of 32, Fulham-road, from carrying on his bakery there so as to cause a nuisance by noise to the nurses in the nursing home.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Eve said it was alleged and denied that strong language was used in the bakehouse. He hoped he did not move among persons who were accustomed to use bad language to excess, but he did not believe that any congregation of men—unless a Christian association—working at night in a place the temperature of which was over 80 degrees, in circumstances when they were likely to burn their fingers and experience other inconveniences, would not occasionally make use of strong language. (Laughter.)

One had only to listen to any body of working men engaged in any undertaking to learn that there were certain adjectives which were applicable to almost every animate and inanimate, need not necessarily used as a term of reproach, but often as a term of affection. (Laughter.)

The injunction was suspended for three months to give Mr. Hemmings time to effect structural alterations.

THE BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

FOUR MILES OF SHOPS.
VISITORS FROM ALL COUNTRIES.

We published at the time brief, cabled reports of the opening of the British Industries Fair, at the White City, Shepherd's Bush, but the following more complete account should be of interest to our readers.

This astonishing exhibition, says the *Daily Express*, of Empire goods and products, of interest to men, women, and children, is primarily for business purposes—buyers from thirty countries were present—but the public are admitted after 5 p.m. and on Saturday after 1 p.m.

There was an international race between buyers, with pockets bulging with note-books and order forms, when the Fair opened. Ice-landers came for sports goods. Japanese inquired about foodstuffs. German buyers keenly inquired about everything.

Four Miles Of Shops.

Never has Great Britain known such a business fair. Four miles of shops, crammed with specimens of the Empire's products and manufactures. Immense! Bawling! No son of Empire can behold it without a feeling of pride. One short street of this vast bazaar would well repay a day's inspection.

The designs of the shop fronts are a charm to the eye. There is an effective Empire frieze painted by Mr. Maurice Greiffenhagen, R.A., over the Empire Marketing Hall. In the entrance to the Fair itself stands an impelling statue of St. George, executed by Sir George Frampton, R.A. Sir George was there putting the finishing touches to his work.

The chemical section represents a capital of £100,000,000. One firm stated that, whereas their output in 1914 consisted of five fine chemicals, now they are turning out 250 different kinds.

Canada is well represented. Merchants have come to show the world the latest ideas in building, in refrigerators, and to teach a hundred other useful lessons.

Australia to the Fore.

Australia is to the fore with her staple industries. The vastness of her wool flocks is realised, the methods of farming are expounded, her canned goods rivaling the best in quality.

New Zealand, India, Sierra Leone, British Guiana, British West Indies, Southern Rhodesia, East Africa, the Gold Coast, Northern Ireland, and the Irish Free State have sent specimens of their productions that enthrall in their interest.

Every schoolboy should be taken to see the wonders of Empire trade as revealed here.

The textile and clothing industries, among a host of others, offer proof that Great Britain leads the way. Silk is represented in impressive fashion. The wonder of artificial silk, made from the raw material of Canadian timbers, passes all comprehension.

Women buyers were immensely interested in the textile section. There were fifty women buyers from one great London store alone. They looked for fashion goods and found them in novelties and improved designs of all kinds.

For instance, there was the rain-proof artificial silk stocking, a direct challenge to the Russian boot. You could pour bucketsful of water on the new stocking. It trickled off.

Wonder and Delight.

No child could ever be dragged willingly through the toy fair. Every shop here is a store of sheer wonder and delight. Toy making in Great Britain is now a wide and highly specialised business. Exhibits were almost human. American and other foreign visitors were intensely keen on the toy department, especially the high-priced mechanical toys.

Jewellery, silver, electro-plate, watches, and clocks exhibit all manner of right up-to-date design and workmanship. There is a lacquered hall clock from which comes in clear tones the programme of 2 L.O. Within the clock is a five-valve act and a loud-speaker.

British cutlery and fancy goods, musical instruments, scientific instruments, furniture, and basket work, village industries in wrought iron, chair-making and leather goods, printing, stationery, leverages, cigar and cigarette-making, all have due representation in this great city of industries.

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Few men were better known in England than the late Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., the man who dominated many a desperate law court battle—a form of contest which exercises a peculiar fascination over the English mind.

A fellow barrister, writing in the *Daily Express*, says of him: I have a memory of Marshall Hall that carries with it the whole spirit of the man. It was at the end of the notorious trial of Mme. Fahmy. He had achieved one of the greatest forensic triumphs of his life—an acquittal in the face of what had appeared to be overwhelming odds. His speech to the jury had been a masterpiece of flamboyant, subtle advocacy. Yet as I walked out of the Old Bailey with him I saw in him a spent and beaten man.

A few hours before we had watched him riding, with consummate ease and dashing self-command, such a storm of emotion as could rarely have been known in Newgate; swelling now in a sea of pride and arrogance, pleading now in a flood of subtlety and innuendo, so that the whole court, judge and jury and advocates alike, seemed like pawns through whom he strode with deadly self-assurance; but now he was crushed, worn out.

That was the secret of the man's success and of the suffering that followed him through all his mature life. The emotion that he aroused in others was but a reflex of his own. Pre-eminently he was the one counsel of his generation who could not stay a white heat of passion springing up within him when he dwelt on his client's wrongs.

The perfect actor (they called him the Garrick of the Bar), he took upon him, for the time being the passions and the hopes and sufferings of the prisoner in the dock. Beneath the muffled drums of his invective there beat always the tattoo of his own heart. And so at the end of his trial—whether he had triumphed or not—there was always that air of suffering and of exhausted passion.

It was in his faculty of dramatising everything and of getting into the mind of his audience, the jury, that his mighty triumphs lay. He knew whole plays of Shakespeare, and always could bring out an apposite passage when the moment demanded it. Thus in his address to the jury on behalf of Greenwood, at Carmarthen, he recited that passage of "Othello" with "tremendous effect."

Put out the light. I know not where is that Promethean heat. That can thy light relume.

He was always dramatising. At the Stella Maris trial he thrilled the jury by wrestling in the well of the court with the gunsmith who was examining the fatal weapon. He could not help acting, but it was acting always with a purpose and with a singular absence of detachment. The Garrick of the Bar—yes, but a noble and self-sacrificing advocate as well.

PROHIBITION.

MORE DRINK THAN MOTOR FATALITIES IN U.S.A.

Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical officer of New York, in a report to Mr. Walker, the mayor, on the effect of prohibition, declares that there were 741 deaths in New York in 1926 from alcoholic poisoning. This is more than the combined totals of deaths in motor-car accidents and from household gas leaks. The maximum number of deaths from alcoholic poisoning in any year before the introduction of prohibition was 687 in 1918.

Dr. Norris asserts that this figure is based on official records, but that the actual number is undoubtedly much higher, since private physicians are loath to certify the deaths of patients from poisoned liquor.

Dr. Norris adds that it is practically impossible to obtain pure whisky in New York, even by doctors for medicinal purposes. Sixteen samples tested by him were all denatured alcohol. His report states: "Until all citizens take the pledge there is only one remedy, which is the strict enforcement of prohibition by the Federal, State and municipal authorities. The removal of the medalion is that the customs, habits, morals, and religious observances of millions of people are to be altered by some marvellous psychological transformation of which I've seen, heard, or know nothing."

Dr. Norris figures show ninety-eight deaths from alcoholic poisoning in 1920, the first year in which prohibition became effective. They have increased yearly.

GETTING LIKED IN BERLIN.

DIFFICULTIES OUR OFFICERS MET THERE.

(BY G. WARD PRICE.)

There were some lively little social incidents in the earlier experiences of the officers of the Inter-Allied Commission of Control, whose work is disarming Germany, to the best of their ability, has now been brought to an end.

Berlin always resented their presence, for they were visible reminders of German defeat and, indeed, the only representatives of the Allied Armies to reach the capital whose once-overweening military pride had been brought so low.

I remember their arrival early in 1920 at the various big hotels where they were quartered in Berlin. With their pleasant manners and their well-cut tweed clothes they stood out in unmistakable contrast among the scowling and sardonically curious crowd of Germans in post-war-substitute suits who pressed upon them, sometimes even to the point of deliberate hussling.

But the British officer knows better than to lose his temper. He was quite unperturbed by frowns and muttered gibes, and in his official relations showed the inbred politeness which the German official class secretly admires and envies but seldom succeeds in reproducing.

So effective in the end was their persistent good temper that long before they left Berlin our officers were socially even popular.

The famous rat-bait incident at a barracks in East Prussia was characteristic of their methods. Three English officers in uniform had been inspecting a German garrison to see that it was not over strength. As they went towards their cars, escorted by a German liaison officer, the troops, jeering, gathered round to stone them when they drove off. Suddenly, from a pile of wood on the barrack-square darted a rat and took refuge in another pile nearby. "Come on!" exclaimed the British major to his two captains, and grasping his stick he made after the rat. The German soldiers gaped. Such behaviour at such a moment and by officers in uniform was unheard of! But they were interested. Soon one of them viewed the rat and gave tongue. A moment later they were all beating the wood-piles, while the British officer killed the bolting rats. And when the next inspection by the Commission of Control took place the garrison welcomed them with broad and friendly grins.

Other incidents did not end so favourably. I remember being in the hall of the Adlon Hotel one night and seeing two French officers, bloodstained, bruised, and tattered, come driven out of the restaurant by a pack of excited Junkers, led by Prince Joachim Albrecht, a cousin of the ex-Kaiser, who is now touring as a violinist in America. And the following night, going to dine at the Adlon, I found the room packed with British officers, strategically seated in close formation, ready for the return fight which never occurred.

Then a naval officer, now the member for West Stirlingshire, was set upon one dark night in the lonely Hagergarten by a ruffianly taxicab-driver, whose neck he nearly broke in a Fujitsu grip, afterwards insisting that his attacker should drive him back to his hotel. With a praiseworthy sense of justice, the Commander began to get out the money to pay for the drive, but the scared taxicab-driver bolted without waiting for the fare.—*Daily Mail*.

DORCHESTER HOUSE.

MAY BECOME AN EMBASSY AGAIN.

If negotiations now taking place and successfully, Dorchester House, Park Lane, W., will become the embassy of a European country. It was the United States Embassy from 1895 to 1913, and for the greater part of that time the late Mr. Whiteley Reid was the Ambassador. This beautiful building, the finest example of Villamian work, with its 40 bedrooms, matchless decorations, and stately staircase of white marble with alabaster balustrading, is to be sold with the grounds, the only condition being that the forecourt must be kept as an open space.

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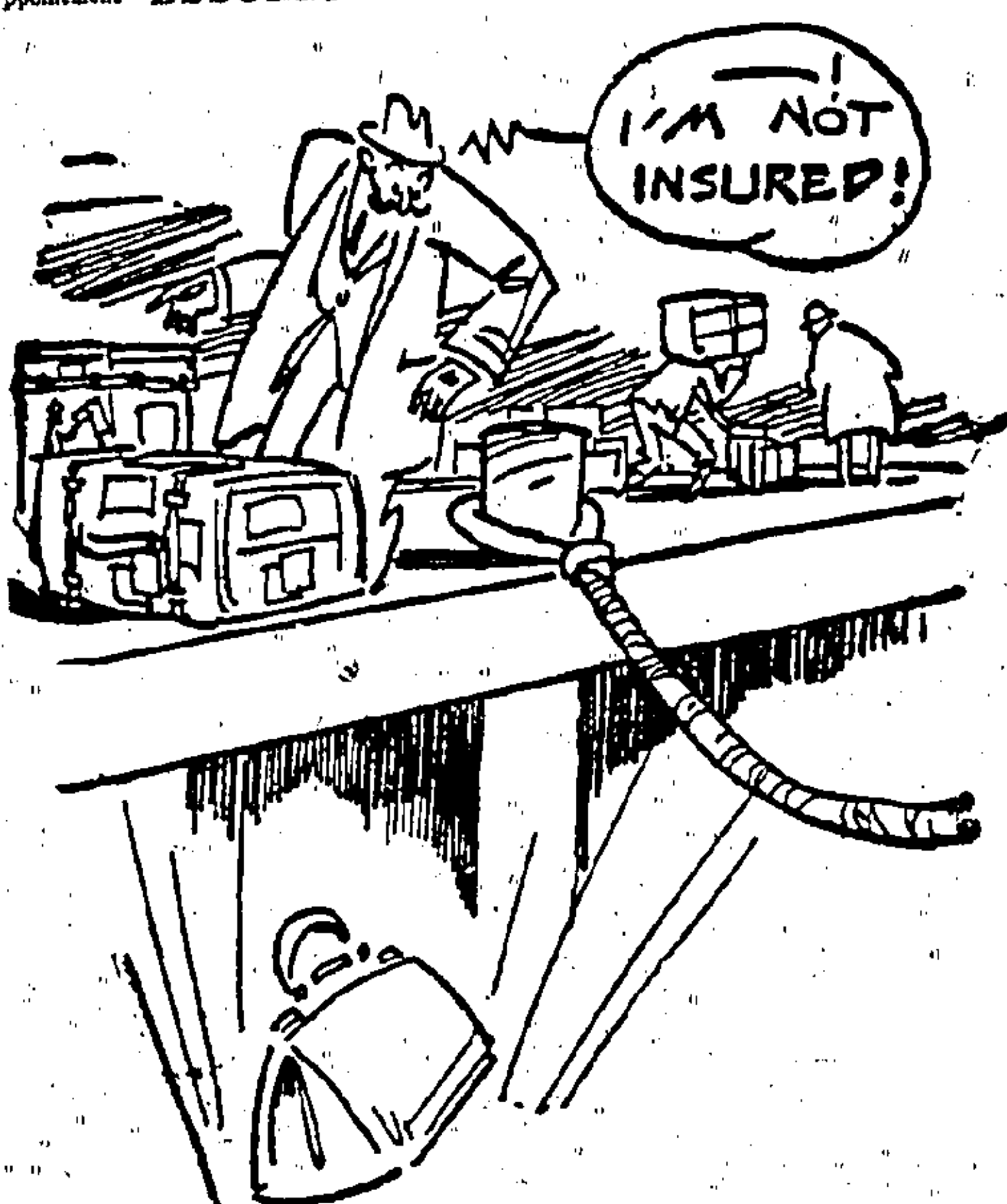
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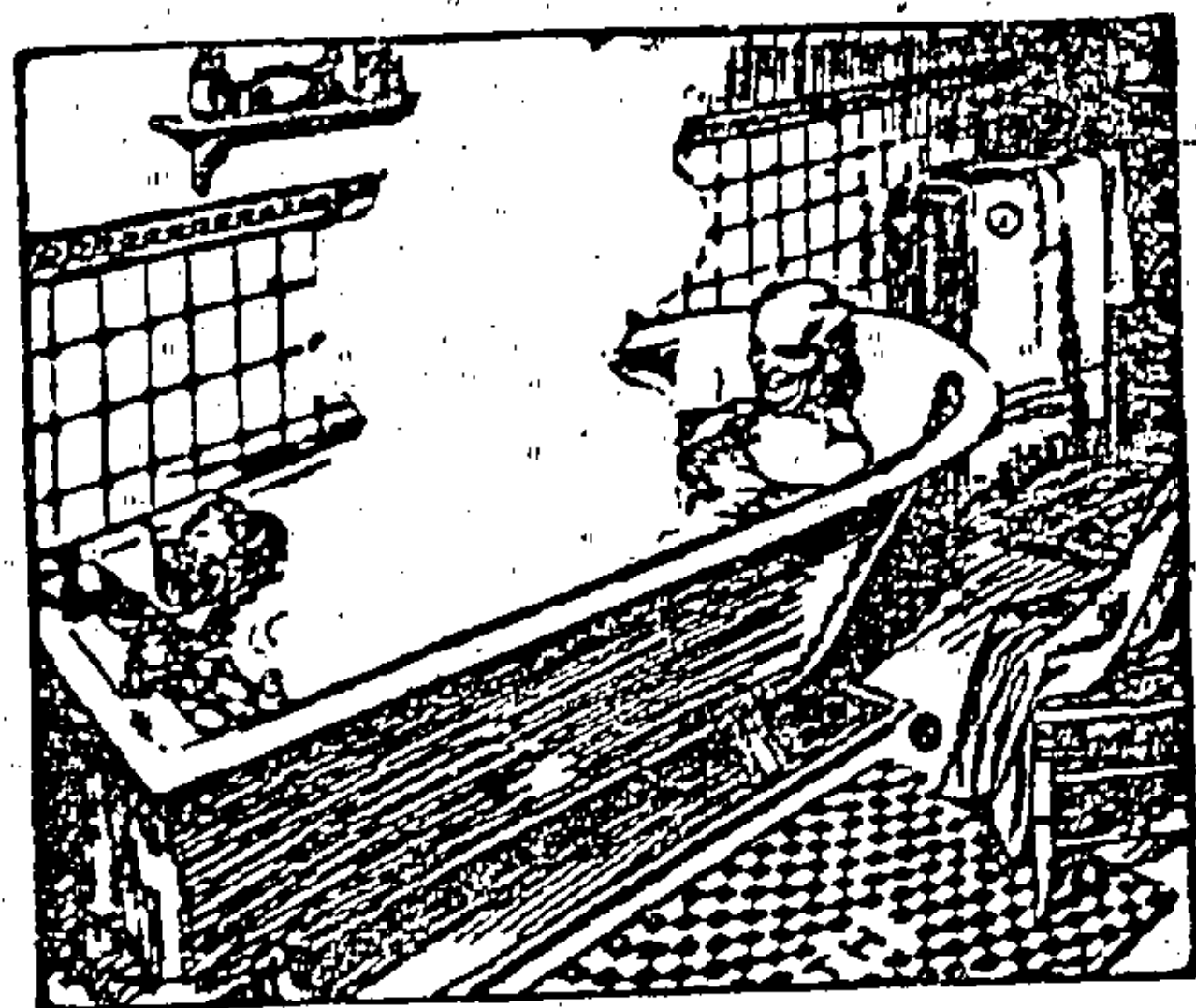
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REPORTED AT HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. MEETING.

INCREASED DIVIDEND DECLARED.

A very satisfactory position was reported at the 58th ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, held at the offices of the Company, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Ltd., yesterday, at noon.

It was stated that the result of the Company's operations for the year 1926 had been very successful, and the declaration of a dividend of 840 per share, means an increase of 22 per share over the last dividend.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (Chairman), presided, and was supported by Mr. A. H. Compton (David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.), Mr. A. S. Gubbay (E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd.), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. T. E. Pearce (of Messrs. John D. Hutchinson & Co.), and Mr. H. P. White (of Messrs. Douglas, Lapraik & Co.), all members of the Consulting Committee with Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. C. S. Remedios, Ho Leung, A. H. M. da Silva, J. Arnold, R. L. Bridger, G. N. Osmund, P. Tester, D. V. Stevenson, P. Plage and J. H. Taggart.

The Chairman said: Before commencing the business of this meeting I wish to record the deep regret of your General Managers and Consulting Committee at the death of Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., which occurred on the 27th May last year. Sir Paul Chater first took his seat on the Consulting Committee in the year 1893, and during the subsequent period of 40 years he devoted much care and attention to the welfare of this Company, contributing largely to its present state of prosperity.

The result of our operations for the year 1926, now under review, has, I am pleased to say, again been successful, the account having been run off with a credit balance of \$293,101.40, which figure compares very favourably with those of preceding years. The premium income and interest show the substantial increases of \$70,000 and \$30,000 respectively. The ratio of losses is somewhat high at 47.10 per cent. as against 43.25 per cent. for the year 1924, while that for charges is approximately the same, viz.—38.72 per cent. as against 38.51 per cent. for the previous twelve months.

The balance standing at credit of the working account for 1926 is \$670,786.68 which constitutes a record; the previous highest figure was \$631,693.28, for the year 1922. Though it is premature, at the moment, to forecast the final result of this year's working, we have every reason to anticipate a successful outcome.

The surplus to be dealt with at this meeting is \$529,101.49, and we recommend the payment of a dividend of 840 per share—an increase of 22 per share over the last dividend—absorbing \$320,000, and the appropriation of the balance to the reinsurance fund.

The various reserves call for little comment. They have all appreciated with the exception of the investment and exchange fluctuation account which, though still standing at the very substantial figure of \$353,258.80, is less by \$119,378.44 than at the same time last year. This decrease is due to shrinkage in the market values of our gold and silver investments and to the high rate of exchange ruling, between Hong Kong and Shanghai, on the 31st December last. As an offset, however, to these adverse factors there has been the very considerable fall in Sterling Exchange.

You will, I trust, approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent. on their salaries being granted to the staff. I do not think there is anything further in this account which requires my special attention but about to propose, has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions which shareholders may wish to put.

(Continued on next column).

AN INVENTIVE GENIUS.

OPIUM IN BUNDLES OF FIREWOOD.

The cunning of the Oriental brains is proverbial and methods used by Western smugglers, from modern bootleggers back to the days of the "Spanish Main" are easily out-distanced by Chinese who take to this kind of enterprise.

A typical case was heard yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, when a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of non-Government opium.

The defendant was said to have employed a remarkable device for the transportation of his illicit dope from one place to another. He engaged a coolie to carry fourteen bundles of firewood—seven bundles to each end of his pole—the defendant leading the way along the road.

While the journey was in progress the Revenue Department received information from some "in the know," and had the man arrested before he and his coolie had gone very far.

The bundles of firewood were carefully examined and twelve bundles were what they should be. The other two bundles, while they bore every resemblance to firewood, were in fact hollowed out in the middle so that a large quantity of opium could be concealed there. It was stated that the bundles would certainly have passed the closest scrutiny had not the Revenue Searchers been informed. In the hollow 178 taels of opium were found.

The device was shown and explained to the Magistrate and he could not altogether suppress a smile at the ingenuity of the smuggler.

Defendant was fined \$5,000 or nine months' hard labour.

EXEMPTION FROM JURY SERVICE.

REQUEST OF "SUNNING" PIRACY JURORS REFUSED.

On the grounds that they had sat for three days in a case involving a capital charge, Mr. A. E. Bertram (foreman), for the other jurors who heard the trial of the two remaining "Sunning" pirates, asked Mr. Justice Wood yesterday morning that they should be excused from further service during the current Sessions.

His Lordship said that it was a request to which he could not accede. It was not in every case involving a capital charge that exemption was granted to jurors. It was according to the length of the trial and the "Sunning" case had only taken three days.

His Lordship added that he thought jurors were not clear what happened in these cases. Having served, they would not be called on to serve again (after the March Sessions were over) until all the names of jurors on the list had been called so that, after March, they would have a considerable period of exemption.

I now propose the following resolution:

"That the Report and Accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of 840 per share, the transfer of \$20,474.10.5, at exchange 1/11—\$209,101.49, to the credit of Reinsurance Fund, and the payment to the Staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed."

Mr. J. Arnold seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

On the proposition of Mr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. DA SILVA, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White, and the Chairman, were elected to form the Consulting Committee for the ensuing year.

On the proposition of Mr. Ho Leung, seconded by Mr. Tester, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected as auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each.

The Chairman: That concludes the business of the meeting, gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready, and may be obtained on application.

KWANTI STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

[By RAPIER.]

The entries for the above meeting on Saturday, April 8th, are given below. They are bigger than usual and the names of several new owners figure in the list, amongst them being Master Burgess Fearon, the young Huntsman.

1.—3.15 p.m.—The Maiden Plate: Seven Furlongs.

Mr. A. E. McCartney's Gyp, Dr. L. Reidy's October, Mr. A. H. Potts' Two Pairs, Mr. J. F. Pym's Aces Up, Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Benjamin, Mr. W. H. S. Dent's New York, Lt. P. Q. Roberts' Four of a Kind, Mr. F. T. Orr's Sheila, Lt. C. Abel Smith's Black Mouse.

2.—The Eastern Handicap: 1 1/2 Miles.

Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Smart Guy, Mr. K. H. Chun's Easter Day, Mr. K. H. Chun's Chin Lee Ku (late Christmas Day II), Mr. Burgess Fearon's Arrow, Dr. J. C. Macgown's Blotting Paper, Mr. J. J. Paterson's Deer Hound, Mr. R. J. Paterson's Humdinger, Mr. E. E. Rock's The Gift (late Solstice Eye), Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Tai, Mr. G. W. Sewell's Circle, Mr. Topside's Mountain Fox, Mr. W. G. Mattingley's Stripes, Mr. B. M. Ede's Pepper and Salt, Mr. M. M. Ede's Dragon River, Messrs. Forbes and Collingwood's Shady Joe, Mr. Johnathan's Plum Pudding (late The George and Vulture), Mrs. R. M. Dyer's Yorks, Mr. A. N. Lucey's Country Mouse.

3.—The Fanling National: 2 Miles.

Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Smart Guy, Mr. K. H. Chun's Easter Day, Mr. K. H. Chun's Chin Lee Ku, Lt. Col. V. Coates' More Better, Dr. J. C. Macgown's Sunburst Rose, Mr. J. J. Paterson's Deer Hound, Mr. R. J. Paterson's Manager, Dr. L. Reidy's Mowgli, Mr. W. T. Stanton's Reynolds, Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Tai, Mr. A. H. Potts' Craigavad, Lt. Comdr. A. B. Fanshawe's Race Horse, Mr. R. H. Charles' Durian.

4.—The April Stakes: 2 Miles.

Mr. Burgess Fearon's Isotacy, Mr. A. E. McCartney's Gyp, Dr. K. C. Macgown's Blotting Paper, Dr. L. Reidy's Tuculacca (late Formidable), Mr. L. Reidy's Mowgli, Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Sai, Mr. A. H. Potts' Craigavad, Mr. A. H. Potts' Two Pairs, Lt. P. Q. Roberts' Four of a Kind, Lt. Comdr. A. B. Fanshawe's Race Horse, Mr. F. T. Orr's Sheila, Mr. A. N. Lucey's Country Mouse.

5.—The Heavy Weight Race: 1 1/2 Miles.

Mr. K. H. Chun's Easter Day, Mr. K. H. Chun's Chin Lee Ku, Lt. Col. V. Coates' More Better, Mr. Burgess Fearon's Isotacy, Dr. J. C. Macgown's Blotting Paper, Dr. L. Reidy's Tuculacca (late Formidable), Mr. Topside's Mountain Fox, Mr. M. M. Watson's Vincent (late Pearl River), Mr. J. D. A. G. Comyn's Can Do, Mr. J. D. A. G. Macgown's River Grass, Mr. W. G. Mattingley's Stripes, Messrs. Forbes and Collingwood's Shady Joe, Mr. B. M. Ede's Pepper and Salt, Mr. B. M. Ede's Dragon River, Mr. H. C. Macnamara's James Pigg, Mr. J. F. Pym's Aces Up, Mr. W. H. S. Dent's New York, Lt. Col. Abel Smith's Black Mouse, Mr. Johnathan's Plum Pudding (late The George and Vulture), Mrs. R. M. Dyer's Yorks.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE TAIKOO CHALLENGE CUP. WON BY MR. W. E. PRICE.

The fourteenth competition for the Tai Koo Volunteer Challenge Cup between the staffs of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Tai Koo Sugar Refinery, Tai Koo Dockyard, and the China Navigation Co., Ltd., took place on the Tai Koo Range, Quarry Bay, on Sunday morning. The following practices were carried out:

1. 200 yards, deliberate, 4 ft. Musketry target.
2. 200 yards, snap-shooting, 23 inch Snap-shooting target.
3. 200 yards, snap-shooting, 4 ft. Musketry target.
4. 300 yards, rapid, 4 ft. Musketry target.
5. 300 yards, deliberate, 6 ft. Musketry target.

The total possible number of points was 110. There were 12 competitors and after a keen contest, Mr. W. E. Price won with a net score of 81, which, with a handicap of four, gave him an aggregate of 85.

The second prize (kindly presented by Mr. G. M. Young) was won by Mr. A. MacIndoe with a gross score of 79. Mr. K. Boulton was third with a score of 79 (Handicap 12).

The cup, presented by Mr. G. W. Swire, is a very handsome one of English silver and has to be won three times to become the property of the holder. Each year's winner is presented with a miniature replica and has his name engraved on the cup.

Previous winners have been Messrs. B. F. Chapman, W. M. Scott (twice), D. Young, W. Budgett, H. T. Heath, G. E. Stewart, W. J. Eldridge (twice), and C. H. Summers (twice). M. A. MacKintosh.

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SUSPECT ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

The body of a man who recently disappeared from Ting Kok village in the New Territory, was discovered during the week-end buried in a patch of waste land near the village. There were a number of wounds that had apparently been inflicted with a dagger.

In the course of their inquiries the police visited a hut in the same village, and as they entered the occupant took up a dagger and stabbed himself. The injuries were serious and the man was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where he lies awaiting examination by the police.

The dead man was a hawker, and also assistant caretaker at the village joss-house.

KEEPER OF GAMING HOUSE PUNISHED.

TWELVE TRAMWAYMEN ALSO FINED.

A number of Chinese who were arrested in a raid on a gaming house at 8, Russell Street, at the week end, appeared yesterday morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell. Twelve of the men were fined \$3 each, and the remaining four forfeited their \$5 bail.

The men, who are employees of the Hong Kong Tramway Company, were playing *pai kau*.

A Chinese woman, the principal tenant, was charged with keeping a gaming house. Sergt. Rozakwy said that he saw the woman at the time of the raid standing near a table holding a small box containing \$3 odd. He considered that this must have been the commission paid by the gamblers.

The woman said that the money in the box was commission, but it was not intended for her. The gamblers paid a few cents, out of every game towards their chow, which was served later.

The woman was fined \$50.

UNIVERSITY UNION DANCE.

In connection with the social dance held by the Hong Kong University Union in the Great Hall of the University on Saturday night, to which reference was made yesterday, the following were present among the gathering of 250—

The Vice-Chancellor of the University (Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E.), Professors Anderson, Brown, Earle, Faid, Middleton Smith, Redmond, and the Registrar. A large number of graduates were also present. The fancy dress prizes went to Miss D. May and Mr. E. Zimmer.

A new brand of cigarettes of the finest quality, named after the famous Chinese actor, Mei Lan Fong, was kindly supplied by Messrs. Nanyang Tobacco Co., Ltd. Nestlé's Chocolates, donated by Messrs. Nestlé and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., were distributed at the interval of the dance. Liquors for members of the band were supplied at greatly reduced prices by Messrs. H. Rutledge and Son. The dancing programmes were printed by Messrs. Ye Oldie Printers. Refreshments were supplied by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

SUPPOSED DEAD MAN RETURNS.

TAKEN TO BANDITS' RETREAT.

ESCAPED DURING A CLASH WITH SOLDIERS.

A man named Leong Ping, who was kidnapped in a raid on Tai-O village early in the year, has just returned to his relatives who had long since given him up for dead. He re-appeared on Friday, looking very much the worse for his terrifying ordeal.

The man said that he and a companion were carried off by bandits to their retreat in a territory whose name he does not know. Both men were harshly treated, and Leong's friend died before help arrived.

Leong made his escape during a clash between Chinese soldiers and the bandits—a severe struggle—and managed to slip away towards the seashore. He immediately pushed off in a small boat which he found there, and rowed out to sea until he met a junk, on which he was kindly treated and provided with food.

Leong left the junk, which was returning to Chinese territory, and rowed towards Tai-O where he arrived the following afternoon on board another junk that had picked him up far out at sea.

SEDITION MONGER PUNISHED.

CHINESE STUDENT SENT TO GAOL.

A Chinese student was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday with being in possession of seditious matters.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. C. G. Perdue, Assistant Director of the Criminal Intelligence Department.

Outlining the case, Mr. Perdue said that on March 20th at about 7.45 p.m., a party of searchers were on duty at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station. In a basket which defendant claimed as his property, were found 13 posters of a highly seditious nature, 33 newspapers, 59 periodicals, 93 pamphlets, and 10 posters all containing seditious matter.

Specimens of the literature were translated and the defendant was arrested. Mr. Perdue emphasized the seriousness of the offence, and asked for a sentence of imprisonment without the option of a fine. He also laid stress on the large amount of the "literature" which was obviously intended for distribution and not for personal use.

A translation of one of the books reads as follows: "The British Soldier who has just killed people at Hankow again committed a great massacre at Kiangang. Our fellow countrymen rise and extinguish them. The tragic scene of over 3,000 of our countrymen drowned as a consequence of a British gunboat sinking a merchant ship."

The youth was found guilty on all charges. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour on the first count, three months on the second count and two months on the third charge. The sentences to run consecutively, thus making eleven months' hard labour in all.

THE TALK OF PEACE.

MR. LIANG SHI YI
INTERVENES.MUTINY OF A LAUNCH
CONVOY.ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION
ON THURSDAY.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Mr. Liang Shi Yi, a Cantonese known as the "god of wealth," is proposing a peace between Marshal Chang Tao Lin of Mukden and General Chiang Kai Shek of Canton, according to reports current in Chinese circles. Mr. Liang Shi Yi, now residing in Peking, is suggesting Dr. Wang Chun Hui as the possible carrier of the olive branch.

Canton understands that effort is being made by the Kuomintang to suppress further anti-foreign and anti-Christian actions in Nanking, where all foreigners have evacuated but where many Chinese Christians still remain.

General Tang Sang Chi, commanding the troops in Hupeh and Hunan, denies that he is an "ultra-Red" or is working against General Chiang Kai Shek. He says that he still obeys Chiang's commands.

Canton workers will have two more holidays before the end of March. To-day will be celebrated as Canton Independence Day, in honour of the First Canton Revolution which occurred some 18 years ago. On March 31st, there will be a large demonstration in favour of the abolition of all unequal treaties when demands will be made for the return of foreign concessions and leased territories.

Canton workers have decided to ignore the Kuomintang Executive Committee's ruling that an employer, may on the second day of the New Year dismiss an employee if two months' extra pay is allowed and only union men are appointed to fill the vacancies. The merchants also refuse to accept the ruling. The Kuomintang, therefore, which aimed to please all parties has pleased no one.

Friends of Mr. Sun Fo have no information that one of the minor leaders of their faction, Mr. C. Y. Chen Kei Woon, has been ordered to be detained at Hankow by Mr. Dorodin, the Soviet High Commissioner advising the Kuomintang. According to the *Yin Chiang Pao Daily News* of Canton, Mr. Chen is being detained for action alleged to be seditious in character. For a time, Mr. Chen was a power behind the "Prince" faction in Canton.

Kuomintang troops acting as convoy to the Launch No. 5 plying between Nanking and Lunghow mutinied the other day, killing two officers and the commander of the vessel, besides taking loot worth more than \$30,000.

The appointment of Mr. Wei Yan Chuan by the Canton Police Chief as special detective agent at Hong Kong without previous knowledge of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs at Canton has formed a subject of communication between the two officials concerned. According to the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Canton, the Police Chief should have no formal communication with the foreign authorities in Canton or elsewhere except through, or with the knowledge of, the Foreign Affairs authorities. The Foreign Office is now making it understood that a Chinese official may only communicate with a foreign official informally, in case of criminal action by a foreigner, the Police may hold the suspect until the case is legally disposed of or may permit him to be released on bail; in police and administrative measures, Chinese officials may enforce their orders on the foreigners involved.

Last Sunday Canton journalists celebrated their success in obtaining higher wages from their employers. It was almost impossible for the proprietors of newspapers and news agencies not to concede the demands made. If opposition had been attempted the journalists had decided that no more "copy" should be handed to any publication and no journalist would handle any "copy" supplied by a news agency which had failed to increase the wages of its staff.

THE BIAS BAY RAID.

CANTON'S "PROTEST" TO
BRITISH GOVERNMENT.WILD STATEMENTS AND
FANTASTIC DEMANDS.

A PROPAGANDA MOVE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Canton branch of the Nationalist Foreign Office is affecting a great deal of righteous indignation over the recent naval raid on Bias Bay, and the incident is being vehemently exploited in Nationalist propaganda. One form is an official note of protest which shows, by its wild inaccuracy and fantastic demands that it is meant far more for the consumption of Nationalist extremists and cosmopolitan communists than as a serious representation to the British Government.

It was on Saturday that the Canton Foreign Office in a communication to the British Consul-General at Shanghai, "strongly protested" against the "breach of international usage by infringing upon Chinese Territory and inflicting damage." The note demanded an immediate apology from the British Government, reserving the right of claiming reparation "pending further investigation of the losses suffered."

The official in charge of the Foreign Ministry at Canton, affected to express astonishment that "British Marines should encroach upon Chinese Territory at Bias Bay and commit outrages under the pretext of piracy suppression, but really for retribution." The Minister also recalled that, since recent complaints of piracy from this district, the Canton Authorities had "taken steps for its prevention and that such steps had been duly communicated to the British Consul-General for information to the Hong Kong Government. The renewal of one or two cases," according to the Minister, "should not form an excuse for unlawful action on the part of the British." The Minister complained that, when the British Consul-General advised him of the British intention on March 23rd, the British had already carried out their enterprise early in the morning.

The protest went on to say that the British Consul-General in his communication of the 23rd gave the impression that this matter was to be referred to the Home Government and that the British were to demand a return of property captured and the punishment of offenders. The Minister suggested that "grave problems would have been raised, had the Chinese troops on duty in the district returned the fire of the warships in defence of their territory and the upholding of their nation's sovereignty."

The Minister went on to say "that investigation was being made into the matter with a view to asking for reparation but, in the meantime, he would demand from the British Government an assurance that such an act would never occur again and that proper apology be tendered in connection with the subject of his protest."

More Mass Meetings.

In the meantime, the Kuomintang Central Political Bureau and other public organizations of Canton and vicinity have called for mass meetings to urge "strong action" by the Canton Authorities against the British Government. A number of Canton newspapers have suggested that the British Government had taken the action because of the success of the Kuomintang forces at Shanghai.

Publications in Canton still put the number of Bias Bay casualties at more than a thousand.

Casualties Officially Reduced from 1,000 to 10.

With regard to the latter "inexactitude" the Political Affairs Director of the 18th Kuomintang Division, which has jurisdiction over Bias and Mirs Bay, has corrected his report to the General Headquarters at Canton, saying that only about ten, and not something over a thousand, of the inhabitants there had been killed. The Director added that the people of Waichow Circuit in the East River district had on March 26th held an indignation meeting against the action taken by the British.

MYSTERY OF A
WRIT.RIGHT SERVICE BUT
WRONG DEFENDANT.SERVED ON CHINAMAN WITH
EUROPEAN BEARD.

The mystery of how a writ served on one Chinese named as defendant in a claim for recovery of a loan got into the possession of another Chinese for whom it was never intended was not cleared up, despite close questioning, during a case heard before the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. P. Jacks) at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon.

The case concerned Chan Yeung who said the Yuet Shing Loong Firm, and Lo Pai Chuen for \$1,000, borrowed from plaintiff on the strength of a promissory note.

The question which His Lordship was called upon to decide was whether the writ had been properly served. It was argued by Mr. Macnamara (of Messrs. Deacons) who was for plaintiff, that it had been served on the man for whom it was intended, namely Lo Pai Chuen. On the other hand Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared in Court with a Chinese named Lo Yuk Ting, whom he said had informed him that he had been served with the writ. Mr. Loseby said that his client was not concerned with the case at all, and only wanted to be sure that no judgment should be made against him.

In support of their claim that the writ had been served on one man only, and that man the real defendant, the European Bailiff who effected service of the writ was called.

A European Beard.

He said that, accompanied by the plaintiff, he served, in a shop, the writ on a Chinese who answered to the name of Lo Pai Chuen, and who admitted, in reply to questions, that he was the man named. Further this man was pointed out to witness by the plaintiff as being Lo Pai Chuen. Witness said he remembered the man on whom the writ was served because he wore a beard in semi-European style, and not the Chinese style of beard.

Asked if Mr. Loseby's client was the man in question, witness said that this man was very much like the one he referred to, except that he had no beard now. He might have shaved it off, but otherwise he was not the man who answered to the name of Lo Pai Chuen. Plaintiff was called and said he had known Lo Pai Chuen for ten years in the course of business. Mr. Loseby's client was not this man. There were two brothers, both similar in appearance, and one wore a beard. He did not know the man in Court at all.

How Did He Get the Writ.

After argument, in which an attempt was made to elucidate the mystery of how the writ came into the possession of Mr. Loseby's client, the bailiff was recalled, and said that he only served one writ, and that to a man who admitted he was Lo Pai Chuen. He was certain that this man had a beard.

Lo Yuk Ting (Mr. Loseby's client) was then called and asked to account for possession of the writ, said that it was given to him in his shop by a European. Asked if he could identify the European, witness replied that he could not as his sight was bad. Asked if he knew plaintiff, he said he did not, nor had he had any business transactions with him.

His Lordship: I fail to understand Lo Yuk Ting's story. I hold that the writ was properly served on a man called Lo Pai Chuen. It seems to me that this is not the man on whom the writ was served, but how he came into possession of it is rather a mystery.

His Lordship having upheld the claim that the writ had been properly served on the right man, Mr. Macnamara applied for judgment on the writ against Lo Pai Chuen. He stated that they were not proceeding at present against the firm also named as defendants.

Plaintiff gave evidence providing that he had loaned Lo Pai Chuen, who was managing partner of the firm named, \$1,000 on a promissory note. The firm in question was now in bankruptcy, and he understood that defendant (Lo Pai Chuen) was not now in the Colony. His Lordship entered judgment for plaintiff against Lo Pai Chuen, as requested.

THEFTS FROM A.P.C.

FORMER EMPLOYEE AGAIN
IN COURT.THEFTS OF OTHER A.P.C.
EMPLOYEES PROPERTY.FURTHER SENTENCES
IMPOSED.

The former employee of the Asiatic Petroleum Company (Chan Chin Kwai, alias Dick Chan), who was last week sentenced at the Supreme Court to one year's and two years' imprisonment with hard labour (the sentences to run concurrently) for the theft of a revolver and for attempting to utter a cheque with a forged signature, again appeared at the adjourned Criminal Sessions yesterday.

He was charged before the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) with stealing a cheque for \$15, drawn on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank by Miss D. L. Gatty, an employee of the A.P.C., and also a blank cheque form belonging to Miss Gatty. There was a second count of uttering a forged cheque for \$50 with intent to defraud.

During the proceedings he alleged that the force used against him by the police would have induced him to sign a statement admitting a charge of murder.

Case Opened.

The Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., Attorney-General, who prosecuted for the Crown, said the cheque for \$15 was the property of Miss Gatty, and the \$50 cheque which was passed at the Bank was forged in her name.

The prisoner was employed at the A.P.C. in February of this year, and on February 8th, Miss Gatty missed two articles on going to a locked drawer in her desk. One was the cheque for \$15, and the other was a blank cheque form. On the previous day, someone had passed at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank a forged cheque for \$50, filled in on the stolen form. The prisoner was arrested and when charged with uttering the forged cheque he replied "I did."

The cheque for \$15 was found in the cock loft at No. 8, Tai Wong Street, ground floor, where the prisoner was living.

The Evidence.

Miss Gatty said she was employed by the A.P.C. in the engineering department. Prisoner worked in the same department until his dismissal on February 7th. She denied having signed the cheque for \$50.

In reply to his Lordship, witness said her drawer had apparently been opened with a key. She made out the cheque for \$15 on February 5th, but dated it February 7th. Mr. N. H. Proctor, an assistant at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, said the cheque for \$50 was cashed at the Bank on February 7th, but he was unable to say who cashed it.

An Chinese widow the principal tenant at 8, Tai Wong Street, said the prisoner rented the cock loft from her at \$2.50 per month. The police paid a visit to the premises and took away various articles belonging to Chan.

Forces Denied.

Sergt. A. V. Baker said on February 8th he took out a search warrant to search 8, Tai Wong Street, and in the cock loft, under a pillow, he discovered the cheque for \$15. When first charged with the theft and uttering the forged note the prisoner said "I did."

The prisoner said his statements did not prove anything against him, because he had been forced to sign them.

His Lordship, to witness:—Did you force him in any way?

Witness:—No, my Lord.

Continuing, the prisoner said the cheque for \$15 was sent to him by post, and he received it on February 8th. In his opinion, some people had a grudge against him, and sent it to him purposely in order to get him into trouble.

In summing up, his Lordship reminded the jury that there was no (Continued on next column).

QUARRY BAY ROBBERY.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS TRIAL.

FOUR CHINESE SENTENCED.

The robbery at No. 8, West Street, Quarry Bay, second floor, on February 19th, had a sequel at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when before the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) four Chinese appeared on various counts of robbery, receiving stolen property, and assisting robbers.

During the hearing of the case it was stated that a woman occupant was gagged with a potato, which caused her jaw to be dislocated.

Three of the prisoners pleaded guilty to the charge of robbery, and his Lordship sentenced each of them to five years' hard labour, and directed that they be taken away, but kept on the Court premises, until the trial of the first prisoner was completed.

The trial of the first prisoner then proceeded. He was charged with robbery, receiving stolen property, and harbouring the other men knowing them to have committed the offence. Prisoner denied all charges.

The Attorney-General, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., prosecuting, said four men entered the house, and gagged a woman with a potato, dislocating her jaw. Her daughter was also secured, and the men got away with various articles including hats, coats, silk jackets, bangles and earrings.

The first prisoner was arrested and was found to be in possession of two pawn tickets relating to articles stolen in the robbery. In his statement at the Police Station, he said he knew the men were going to rob, but denied taking part himself. At the Central Magistracy hearing he said he was given some money to keep his mouth shut. He alleged that he was implicated by the others because he pointed them out to the police.

The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" in connection with the charges of robbery and receiving stolen property, but found prisoner guilty on the charge of being an accessory after the fact.

His Lordship sentenced prisoner to two years' hard labour.

direct evidence that the prisoner went to Miss Gatty's drawer and took the two cheques, neither was there any direct evidence that he went to the Bank, except his own statements at the Police Station. Apart from his statements and the absence of direct evidence, however, inference could be drawn from the fact that the \$15 cheque was found among his property. Generally speaking, if stolen property was found on a man soon after it was stolen, then that was some evidence that he stole it. With regard to the forged cheque, there was no doubt it must have been prepared with the stolen cheque as a guide. "Guilty."

Without retiring, the jury returned a verdict of "Guilty" on both counts.

His Lordship sentenced the prisoner on the first count to one year's hard labour, and on the second to four years' hard labour, the sentences to run concurrently. His Lordship further directed that the sentences run concurrently with those imposed last Monday.

Chan was then further charged with the larceny of a cigarette case and cigar cutter on January 14th, the property of Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd. He pleaded "Not Guilty," and his Lordship directed that the charge be investigated in the afternoon.

Further Charge Proved.

At the afternoon hearing, Mr. Lloyd gave evidence that the things in question belonged to him.

Mr. W. A. Butterfield also said that the prisoner had been employed by the A.P.C.

A Pawnbroker said that prisoner pledged the cigarette case for \$5. Other evidence given showed that the cigar cutter was found on him.

Prisoner said that the statement he made admitting the offence was made because he was struck by the police. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. His Lordship sentenced prisoner to six months' hard labour, the sentence to run concurrently with the previous sentences.

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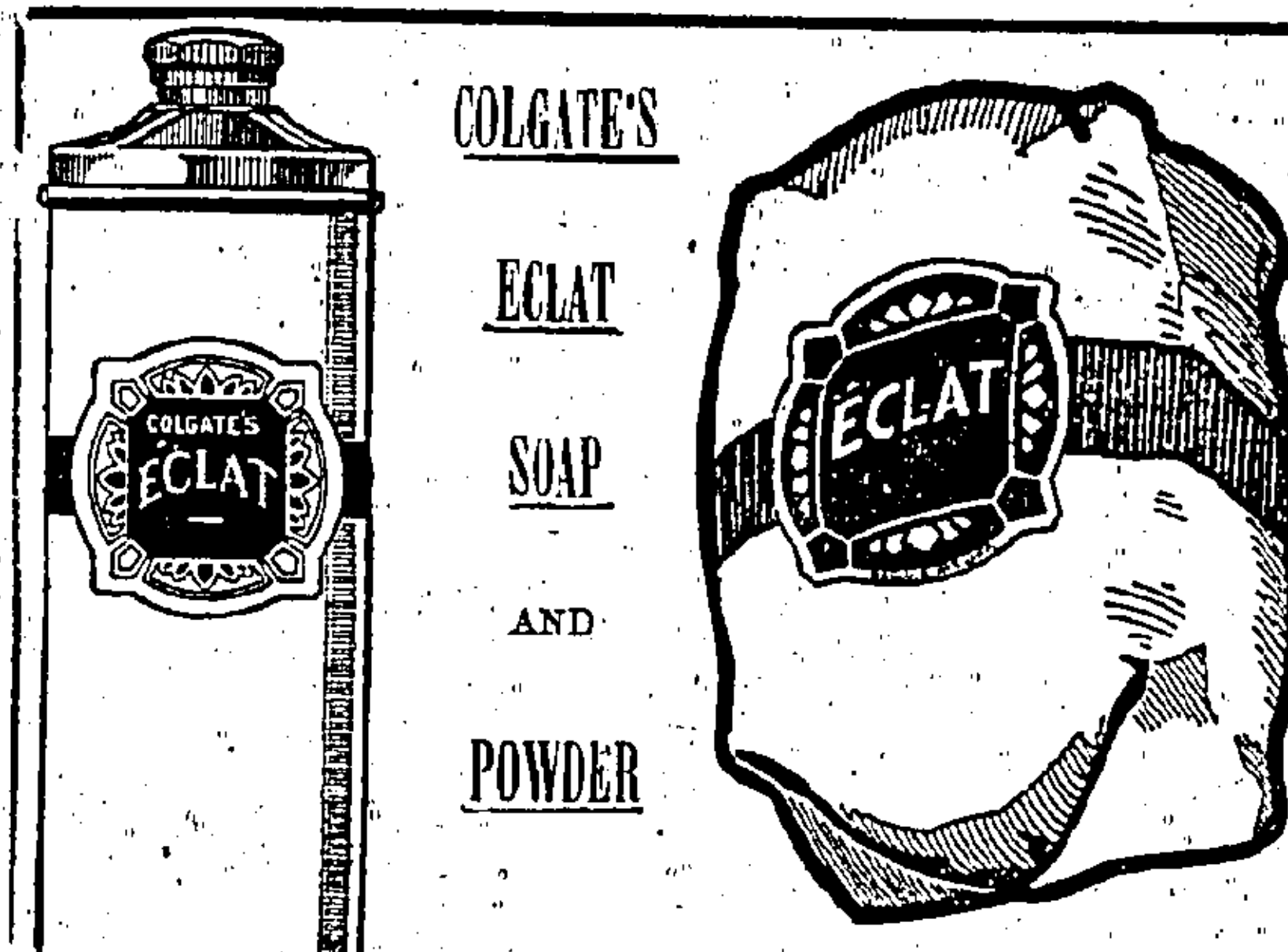
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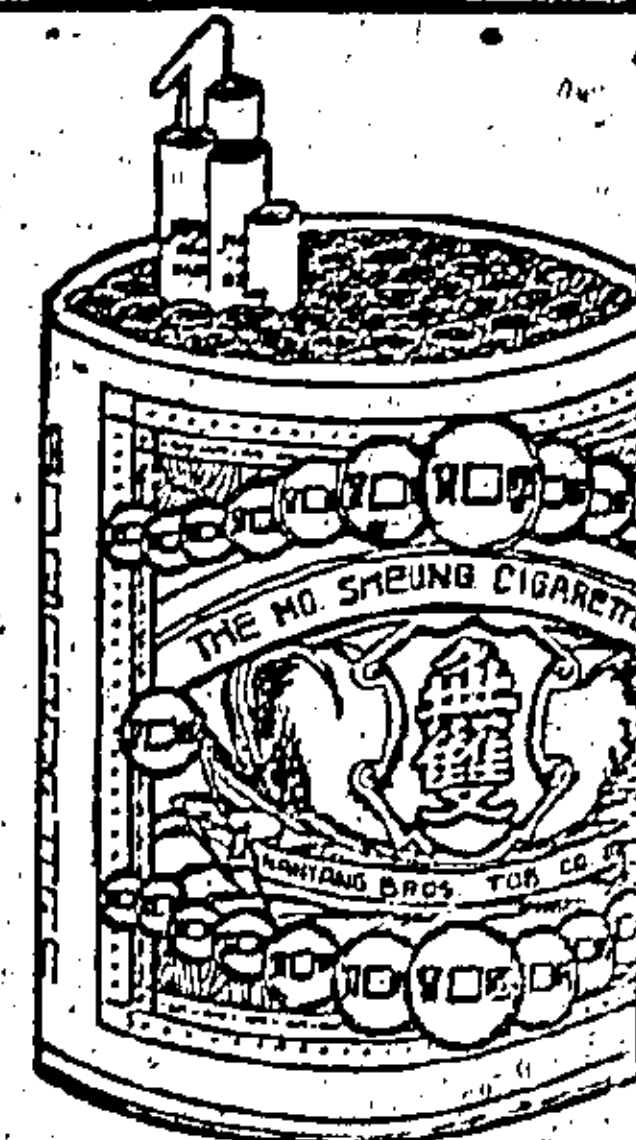
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E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police,
Hong Kong, 28th March, 1927. [4738]

SALE OF H.M. SUBMARINE.

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Tenders will be received in the Office of the NAVAL STORE OFFICER, H.M. Dockyard, up to NOON on MONDAY, 25th APRIL, 1927. [4737]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 29th MARCH, 1927, at 3.00 p.m. for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 28th MARCH, 1927 (Both Days inclusive). By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager. Hong Kong, 18th March, 1927. [4684]

NAVY LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above will be held on TUESDAY, 29th INSTANT at 3.30 p.m. in the Boardroom of Messrs. JAMES, MARSHALL & CO., LTD. (by kind permission) for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
- (2) To elect the Officers and Committee for the Ensuing Year.
- (3) To transact any other Business of which due Notice has been given.

All Members are Requested to Attend. L. M. WHYTE, Hon. Secretary. Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1927. [4736]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE 38th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, VICTORIA, HONG KONG, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th DAY OF MARCH, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1926. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927. [4691]

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HONG KONG, MARCH 29th, 1927.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

It is extremely gratifying to learn that the representatives of sixteen different nationalities in Shanghai have expressed their gratitude to Great Britain for the action taken to protect foreigners in that area. No doubt, of course, the precautions were undertaken primarily in the interests of the British community, but the defence of British interests, it is readily acknowledged, embraced the interests of all foreigners in the International Settlement.

The policy of sending an adequate armed force to control the mobs, and maintain law and order has been triumphantly justified. Those responsible for the adoption of such a policy are entitled to the credit, that falls to those who look ahead, and forecast accurately the trend of events. Even assuming, however, that British interests in China are paramount, and that we are the object selected for vilification and attack, it is not altogether satisfactory that practically the whole charge of defending an area of the extent and importance of Shanghai should devolve entirely upon us. Britain has just emerged from a war, which has crippled her resources, and laid a burden of taxation on her people which is well nigh intolerable. While, in the past, we could complacently play the quixotic role of tidying up those odd corners of the globe, where life and limb were not quite safe, we cannot do so now without incurring a great deal of opposition. There are those who feel

that the expense involved in maintaining peace and order on behalf of the world in general, imperils social improvements at home and unnecessarily focuses hatred, envy and malice against us.

While admitting, however, that there is something practical and business like in all this we are inclined to think it is a narrow view to take. Primarily the military and naval forces have been despatched to safeguard British interests. Incidentally we are conferring a boon on other trading nations who perhaps benefit more than we do, and escape the immediate odium directed against us, but their inaction or reluctance to act boldly, cannot be a guide to our own policy. In these matters there are intangible profits which accrue in the long run. No nation suffers by acting heroically, by considering humanitarian interests as well as private and personal ones. If Britain has contributed more than her share to the defence of the International Settlement, it will be counted unto her for righteousness. Each member of the sixteen nations who signed the "message of thanks" will have deep down in his heart a feeling of respect for the country, which provided them with security, without hesitation in the hour of need. They will be for ever friends and missionaries of the British Empire. It is something to have gained the respect of the world, even if it has involved great expenditure and more intense hatred from the Chinese. It is also a deep cause for satisfaction to be able to feel that we have prevented a great calamity. In addition the presence of the force itself is a great asset, apart from the sense of security which it confers. The Chinese will become acquainted with soldiers, who can behave in an orderly fashion, and who are as upright in their dealings as the members of the British community generally. They will realise that the troops are there for their protection and that they do not loot or behave in any way comparable with their own military forces. This again, as far as Shanghai is concerned, is an intangible benefit as it should help to remove misunderstanding and ill-will, and provide the Chinese with an army model, which they might hope some day to achieve.

The affairs of this world are controlled more than many think by international opinion, especially in these days of the rapid dissemination of news. International reputations are made and unmade by the opinion of the world forms of the prominent achievements of its constituent states. Britain has no reason to be ashamed, but every reason to be proud of her own policy in China, during recent months, as the signatories to the petition testify.

One case of small-pox, one of diphtheria and two of cerebrospinal fever, all Chinese, were reported on Sunday.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the Navy League will be held to-day, at 5.30 p.m., at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

A drawer was broken open and \$805 in notes stolen from Dr. Thomas' office in Alexandra Building during the week-end. An office coolie is said to have absconded.

Shareholders are reminded that the ordinary yearly meeting of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company will be held in the office of the Company, at No. 2, Queen's Buildings, to-day at noon.

During the current week, Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd. are holding a special sale of "dollar bargains." Many attractive and useful items are included. The sale will end on Saturday, 2nd April.

Mr. Tafford, of 18 Knutsford Terrace, had a rug worth \$40 stolen on Sunday afternoon, while it was spread out on the lawn to dry.

Mr. T. G. Weall, Mrs. F. S. Gibbings and Mr. J. S. Mackie were among the passengers who arrived here on Saturday from the North on the *Haruna Maru*.

Many of the Portuguese community bade farewell on the *Haruna Maru* to Admiral Lacerda (Macao Port Works) and Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Soares (also of Macao) when the boat sailed on Sunday, homeward bound.

It was wrongly advertised yesterday that the increase of fares of the Peak Tramway Company would come into force at the beginning of next month. As will be seen from the corrected advertisement to-day, the fares will not be raised until May 1st.

There will be a combined meeting of the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China (Hong Kong Branches) at the Guilds' offices, No. 67, Des Voeux Road, Central (entrance in Pottinger Street) to-day at 5 p.m. Every member should endeavour to be present.

A Chinese youth, who was involved in the robbery at No. 77, Leighton Hill Road, was sentenced to three months' hard labour yesterday by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy. From information supplied by the prisoner, all the stolen clothing had been recovered.

A Chinese who had six previous convictions against him, was sent to gaol for three months by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy. He was charged with being in possession of ten yards of piping and could not give a satisfactory explanation of how he came into possession of the goods.

A small fire broke out at the Yeung Wo Nursing Home, near the Race Course, during tiffin hour yesterday. Two appliances were rushed to the scene but were able to return to headquarters within a very short time. The outbreak was a minor affair and had been extinguished by the inmates. No serious damage was done.

Seventy rounds of the rifle ammunition, found unclaimed in a passenger coach of the Canton train on Friday, were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning. The ammunition was contained in a Chinese soldier's bandolier presumably having been left in the carriage by a military man from Canton.

A fire broke out in a godown in Sai Yuen Lane on Saturday. The godown was well alight before the firemen arrived and they had a stiff fight in subduing the flames. Most of the contents, worth about \$10,000, were saved from the flames, but a large percentage was damaged by water. No particulars as to insurance are available.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MEETING ON THURSDAY.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

The Orders of the Day include:—

Third reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911.

Third reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869.

Second reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to provide against accidents in factories.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the President in Hong Kong of the Basel Evangelical Missionary Society.

GREEN HOWARDS.

13TH INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

NOW LEAVING FOR SHANGHAI.

Further reinforcements are still being called for from Shanghai. As stated yesterday the 1st Brigade R.A. and the 4th Pack Brigade R.A. are leaving as soon as transport can be arranged.

Now the Green Howards and the headquarters of the 13th Infantry Brigade have been ordered North.

The Artillery will go in the *Yanna*, probably to-day and it is possible that the Green Howards and the Brigade Headquarters will follow them immediately in the *s.s. Bellerophon*.

The Green Howards are now in camp at Fanning and the Headquarters of the Brigade are accommodated in adjacent villas. When they leave the only infantry battalions of the Shanghai Defence Force remaining in Hong Kong will be the 1st Middlesex and the Camerons.

E.A.S.M.A. PRESENTATION.

TO CAPT. T. T. LAURENSEN, D.S.C.

PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION FROM 1924-27.

A very pleasant little ceremony took place at the Ex-Active Service Men's Association Club, Queen's Road Central last evening, when a parting memento from members of the Association was presented to Capt. T. T. Laurenson, D.S.C., who has just retired from the Presidency of the Association, which he has held from 1924-27. He is now going on nine months' Home leave.

Capt. Laurenson, who is also the Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild (Hong Kong Branch), leaves to-morrow on the *R.M.S. Empress of Canada*, which sails at 5 p.m.

He proved an able and popular President during his tenure of office, and to show their appreciation of his services members subscribed towards a suitable gift on his departure from the Colony.

The gift consists of a gold travelling clock, in a red leather case. On the case is affixed a silver plate bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to T. T. Laurenson, Esq., D.S.C., as a memento of his Presidency, E.A.S.M.A., 1924-27. Hong Kong, 28-3-27."

In the presence of many members of the Association, Mr. H. J. Pearce (Chairman of Committee) made the presentation, and in doing so paid a warm tribute to Capt. Laurenson's services to the Association.

Lieut.-Col. F. Hayley Bell, who has taken Capt. Laurenson's place as President of the Association, also spoke appreciatively of all that Capt. Laurenson had done for them.

Amid much applause and many wishes for a pleasant trip Home and a safe return, and to the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," Capt. Laurenson's health was drunk by all.

Capt. Laurenson briefly thanked members for their gift, expressing his interest in the welfare of the Association, and hoping that it would flourish in the future, despite any obstacles that might beset its path.

H.M.S. "PINAFORE."

The first performance of H.M.S. *Pinafore* at the Theatre Royal by the Philharmonic Society will take place on Friday at 8.30 p.m.

The final rehearsal will be on Wednesday at 9 p.m. and takes the form of a preliminary performance as a full audience of Service men is being entertained.

H.E. the Governor and his party propose to attend the performance on Monday, April 4th. The Society's orchestra is augmented by members of the band of the 2nd Batta. The King's Own Scottish Borderers, and the orchestration of the overture, which was missing from the band parts on arrival, has been undertaken by Mr. W. H. Fitz-Barle, A.R.C.M. The Bandmaster of the Batta. The Orchestra is under the baton of Mr. W. R. Fleming.

FORMER POLICE OFFICER HONOURED.

IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL FOR CHIEF DET. INSP. GRANT.

The King has conferred upon Chief Det. Insp. John Grant, formerly of the Hong Kong Police, the Imperial Service Medal.

Mr. Grant, who retired from service in June of last year, is now at Home and it is understood that arrangements will be made for the presentation to take place there.

Mr. Grant came to the Colony as a police constable in November, 1896, became Sergeant in 1903 and full Inspector in 1913. He was promoted to the post of Chief Detective Inspector in 1923.

ALLEGED HEROIN SMUGGLING.

RUMANIAN AND POLISH WOMAN CHARGED.

TRUNK FALSE BACK AND MYSTERIOUS POCKETS.

George Stamatigress, a Rumanian, and Helena Rogori, a Pole, who were arrested last week on board the *s.s. Atsuta Maru* for being in unlawful possession of 560 ounces of heroin and with importing it into the Colony without a permit, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy, on remand, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor) conducted the case on behalf of the Crown, while Mr. F. G. Yaux represented the man and Mr. Leo d'Almada the woman.

Opening the case, Mr. Whyte Smith said that the *Atsuta Maru* arrived in port on March 21st about 5.30 p.m. The female defendant was a second-class passenger booked through to Shanghai from Marseilles. The man was waiting on the wharf when the boat came in and was seen to go on board, but as the Revenue Officers had received certain information they had him under observation. The man went straight to the second-class deck where he met the second defendant, the woman. The following day, the 22nd, the two defendants went on board together.

Revenue Officer Ward followed them, and went into the cabin of the man. It was found that he had booked a first-class cabin to North China. Revenue Officer Ward proceeded to the second defendant's (the woman) cabin and told her that he would search her luggage. She handed him two sets of keys, and they with the other defendant went into the baggage room, where they found a wardrobe trunk, which on being opened was found to have a false back in it. Behind this there were found 80 packages containing heroin. Each package contained 7 ounces of the drug. Both defendants were immediately arrested, and while waiting to be conveyed across the harbour, the first defendant attempted to jump into the water.

Odd Luggage.

The baggage of the first defendant consisted of two bags which would be useful for carrying the packets. In them were four lady's undershirts, with 32 pockets in each, of exactly the size of the packets, and the suggestion was that these were to be used for taking the heroin ashore. With regard to the second defendant's baggage, there was a bill in one of her small handbags, issued by Thomas Cook & Sons at Geneva for a bag to be forwarded from that place to Marseilles. The jacket named in the bill was numbered 587, and it was found that a label on the trunk bore the same number as bill. In the first defendant's bags were also found a number of safety pins, and the suggestion was that they were used for pinning the packets to the pockets of the skirts. There was also a small snare driver which would be used for taking out the false back of the trunk.

Mr. Lindsell: There does not seem much to show that the drugs were in the possession of the first defendant.

Mr. Whyte Smith: He had the keys. Also there was in the woman's trunk a hat and a coat which belonged to him.

Mr. Lindsell: He did not come to Hong Kong in the ship? Can you say he was in possession of the drugs?

Mr. Whyte Smith: He was in control of the whole affair. He was waiting for the ship to come in. Also he arrived in the Colony on March 18th from Shanghai and met the *Atsuta Maru* on the 21st.

Evidence of the Revenue Officers concerned in the seizure was then taken, and the case was adjourned until this afternoon, when the defence will be heard.

GROWING ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING IN SHANGHAI.

GEN. CHIANG KAI SHEK AND GEN. TANG SENG CHI COME TO AN "UNDERSTANDING."

REPORTED "FLIGHT" OF BORODIN AND HSU CHIEN FROM HANKOW.

NATIONALIST SOLDIERS MAKING SPEECHES IN SHANGHAI.

MORE DENUNCIATION OF FOREIGNERS: PARTICULARLY THE BRITISH.

SUGGESTED BOYCOTT OF BRITISH GOODS: ALSO CALLING OUT OF BRITISH EMPLOYEES.

JAPANESE WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEAVING HANKOW.

If, as seems probable, the reported "flight" from Hankow of Borodin and George Hsu Chien is to be connected with the "understanding" stated to have just been made by General Chiang Kai Shek and General Tang Seng Chi, then evidently a coup is about to be attempted.

General Chiang and General Tang have been none too friendly disposed towards each other of late, and the high hopes of the leaders of the "Red" section of the Kuomintang—such as Borodin and Hsu Chien—have been relying much more upon General Tang than upon General Chiang.

Therefore, an "understanding" between those Generals is full of significance at the present moment.

General Chiang and Borodin have been by no means friendly for a considerable time, and General Chiang was well aware that Borodin was bent upon undermining his influence in the Kuomintang Party.

Further news of this profoundly interesting development will be awaited with deep interest.

News to hand from Shanghai states that anti-foreign feeling there is increasing and that Nationalist soldiers have been making speeches denouncing foreigners and particularly the British for what recently happened at Shanghai. A boycott of British goods and the withdrawal of employees in the service of Britons are among the latest suggestions.

BORODIN AND HSU CHIEN "FLEE" FROM HANKOW.

A Chinese report, received at midnight, states that the latest news from Canton is to the effect that Borodin and George Hsu Chien have both suddenly "fled" from Hankow for an unknown destination.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

Borodin Expected at Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, March 28th. According to the *China Press*, M. Borodin is expected to arrive at Shanghai shortly. The object of his visit is as yet unknown.

AN IMPORTANT "UNDERSTANDING."

Another late report is that General Chiang Kai Shek and General Tang Seng Chi have come to an understanding, by which General Chiang will represent the Nanchang Section of the Kuomintang and General Tang the Hankow Section.

Important developments are anticipated from this arrangement.

It is not yet clear whether the "flight" of Borodin and Hsu Chien is in any way connected with the above "arrangement," but their reported abrupt departure at the present juncture is full of significance.

AMERICAN ADMIRAL SAYS SITUATION "VERY TENSE."

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 27th. In a telegram dated March 27th, Admiral Williams, in his latest message to the Navy Department, described the situation at Shanghai as being "very tense." He also informed the Department that additional American forces had been landed to assist in the defence of the Settlement against the threatened outbreaks of mob violence.

HANKOW GETTING WORSE.

JAPANESE WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEAVING.

LABOUR UNIONS DOMINATE THE SITUATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 28th. Reports of the worsening conditions in Hankow are borne out by Japanese messages which state that Japanese women and children, residing in the Native City there have taken refuge in the Japanese Concession and are preparing to board steamers. American women and children have already left. The Japanese gunboat *Adaka* left for Hankow this morning. Delayed messages from Hankow show that the Labour Unions there as at Shanghai are completely dominating the situation.

THE "TIMES" ON THE KUOMINTANG'S "MODERATION."

LIBERAL LEADER'S TRIBUTE TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 28th. To say the least, remarks the *Times* in an editorial, it is unlikely that further successes will inspire the Southern Government with unwonted moderation. Their methods are now sufficiently exposed for all but the wilfully blind to understand them and realise that the British Government was the first to foresee recent developments and take the necessary steps to defend their nationals wherever possible from the worst results and the very dangerous tactics to which the Cantonese, instigated by Soviet agents, have rashly committed them. The journal declares that the events of the past week fully justified the despatch of the troops, and regrets that it is necessary that Sir John Simon should have to administer a well-deserved rebuke to the majority of the official Opposition for their grievous failure to rise to the occasion and proclaim a desire that the Government should continue to protect inoffensive British subjects in China.

The allusion to Sir John Simon is to a week-end speech at Cleckheaton in which he solemnly proclaimed himself profoundly grateful to the Government for their action in sending troops to China. Sir John Simon added: "It is the duty of every politician, of whatever party, to make at this moment a perfectly definite declaration such as I have just made."

THE STATE OF AFFAIRS AT SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 27th. Sunday passed off quietly, although officials were anticipating trouble in view of the big mass meetings, which were being held in the native districts. The authorities, however, took precautionary measures. The barriers were everywhere strengthened and the French Concession was heavily patrolled, the defences manned guns while the Chinese were not allowed to enter the International Settlement.

The reaction with regard to the Nanking incident was discernible in the anti-foreign posters appearing on the borders of the French Concession.

Generals Chiang Kai Shek and Pai Ching Hsi attended one of the meetings in the Native City, which passed a resolution demanding the immediate retrocession of the Foreign Settlements of Shanghai and advocating another General Strike. The crowds afterwards demonstrated in the streets, but no untoward incidents are reported.

BRITISH JOURNAL ON THE "MAIN LINES OF POLICY."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 28th. From a practical viewpoint we should realise that the half of China, with which we are predominantly concerned, is already under a single authority, and in a sense the way is cleared for a settlement with a single effective Government, says the *Manchester Guardian* in an editorial. But the manner in which it happened has made negotiations even more difficult than before. The paper says that a deadlock is likely to be reached if a demand for the withdrawal of the troops is made as a preliminary to the negotiations. The foreign troops will not be withdrawn until the Cantonese not merely assume formal responsibility for the maintenance of order but have given effective evidence of their capacity to enforce it. Nevertheless, it would be a grave misfortune if recent events were allowed to divert the main lines of policy hitherto so admirably maintained by the British Foreign Office.

SHANGHAI "WORKERS" AND THE CONCESSIONS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 28th. A Shanghai Workers' Representative Conference was held on the 27th inst. for the purpose of discussing matters concerning the foreign concessions. A resolution was adopted to the effect that all concessions in Shanghai should be abolished. Plans were also discussed as to how best to deal with the foreign Powers in case they refuse to comply with the demands. Reference was made to the calling of another general strike.

REVOLUTIONARY ARMY'S HEADQUARTERS.

TO BE TRANSFERRED TO NANKING.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 28th. According to a report from Nanchang (Kiangsi), the headquarters of the Revolutionary Army are expected to be transferred to Nanking shortly.

DEFEATED TROOPS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 28th. In view of the fact that there is still a large number of the defeated Shantung troops at Pukow, General Ho Ying Yam has despatched a Kuomintang force to "clear them off." Another force will advance to Yenchow, from Chinkiang, in order to round up Marshal Sun Chuan Fang's troops.

BIG CHINESE MEETING IN SHANGHAI.

STATEMENT BY GENERAL PAI CHING SHI.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 28th. Yesterday a mass meeting, comprising almost 300,000 people, was held in the Native City of Shanghai, partly for the purpose of welcoming the Nationalist Army and partly in memory of the 2nd Anniversary of the late Dr. Sun's death. General Pai Ching Shi said that the abolition of the unequal treaties and the retrocession of all foreign concessions in China would be realised as soon as possible, but that such matters should be entrusted to the Nationalist Government. The Revolutionary Army, he said, should not interfere with diplomatic affairs nor harbour any anti-foreign feeling.

MARSHAL CHANG TSO LIN INTERVIEWED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, March 27th. Marshal Chang Tso Lin, interviewed by foreign correspondents on the 27th instant, declared that when he came to Peking and saw the foreign Ministers, he emphasised the dangers of mob movements and the yielding to violence. He regretted the Nanking affair, but the wavering of all the Powers was partly responsible. They did not heed his warnings and yielded step by step to the Cantonese at Hankow, Kiang and elsewhere. He declared that the Nanking affair was due to a premeditated plan of the agitators, and he was afraid that the same trouble as at Nanking would be avoidable at Shanghai in the near future. He feared that disorder could not be stopped till the Bolsheviks were repaid for the time and money they had spent in their propaganda. He said the Chinese were not anti-foreign but were being egged on by the Bolsheviks with whom he could not compromise. He would not stand their violence here but fight them to the end. He gave an assurance that he would protect to the utmost of his ability the interests, lives and property of the places under his control and would hold himself personally responsible therefor. He agreed with the South as regards the revision of treaties but differed with them on their methods, which were contrary to International Law. He would use diplomatic means, not violence.

Questioned with regard to the breaking of relations with the Soviet, Chang Tso Lin said he could not decide till he had reconferred with the foreign Ministers and unless the Powers were favourable to the step he wished to take. He would call again on the Ministers this week on the point, and declared that the war situation was developing favourably in Honan and that Kaifeng was again in the hands of the Fengtienites and that the junction between the Shantung and Chihli allies was nearly effected along the Lunghai Railway.

The situation in Manchuria was well in hand. He had 140,000 troops there not mobilised. He declared that as long as North China was in his hands there was no need for the Powers to send more troops there.

The arrest of suspicious persons in Peking and elsewhere and other drastic measures are being taken, so as to preserve order. This should be a sufficient guarantee. He pointed out that there were no strikes here and that none was threatened.

Chang Tso Lin alleged that a peace parley with Chiang Kai Shek and Feng Ya Hsiang would be unlikely to lead to anything. He declared that "as long as the Russians remain in command of the South, we cannot negotiate." He said that he had already drawn attention to the "Red" Russians who differed from the "White" Russians in the Northern Army, as the latter were purely soldiers while the "Reds" were carrying on propaganda. He intended to call the attention of the Ministers to the activities of Tom Mann and "other foreigners who come to China for the purpose of agitation." In conclusion he declared that he needed foreign co-operation and that foreigners needed his help.

FOREIGNERS' PRECARIOUS POSITION ON THE YANGTZE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUOYU, March 27th. Though the position of the foreign communities at Nanking, and Shanghai has been relieved owing to the presence of British and other forces, the latest information shows that foreigners are in an increasingly precarious position at various other places on the Yangtze.

The United States Minister has ordered the total evacuation of all his nationals, except Consuls, from all the areas controlled by Southern forces including Hankow and Canton except, of course, Shanghai.

The British Minister has left the evacuation of British nationals at disturbed parts to the discretion of individual British officers who, he considers, can alone judge of the seriousness of the local situation and whom he had instructed to avoid causing injury to British interests entailed by the evacuation unless that step is absolutely necessary.

At Kiukiang, American missionaries, women and children, are already being evacuated. The General Commanding was approached by foreign representatives with regard to the safety of their nationals and the reply was unsatisfactory.

At Chinkiang large crowds in the concession have shown so ugly a mood that all foreigners are sleeping in British and American destroyers and installations and as many as possible have been evacuated.

Extraordinary Demands.

At Changsha the Cantonese authority has made various extraordinary demands upon the British Consul, in consequence of a trivial incident between two British bluejackets and a Chinese farmer. Compensation is demanded for a Chinese farmer, who is alleged to have lost four teeth, but it is also demanded that British bluejackets shall be handed over to Chinese authorities to be punished with the utmost rigour of the law. It is further declared that the British Consul is, by international law, merely a foreigner and that the right of search and arrest over Consular premises will be exercised while British gunboats will be treated as ordinary merchant vessels and, as such, liable to search, arrest or expulsion.

The Naval authorities are investigating the incident between the bluejackets and the Chinese farmer and Mr. Teichman, the British representative at Hankow, has made strong representation to Mr. Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister, against the extraordinary communication of his official at Changsha.

It is probable that the British Consul will go aboard a British gunboat in order to be protected from possible further indignity and insult and that other British subjects will accompany him.

The Nanking Outrage.

Mr. B. Giles, the British Consul General at Nanking, who was wounded during the troubles there and is now aboard the British cruiser *Emerald*, is going on satisfactorily. The wound is through the thigh but missed the bone and is not serious. Mrs. Giles is also aboard unhurt, but she and other foreigners suffered intolerable treatment and indignities.

It is stated that the murder of Dr. Sackville Smith (who is an Englishman) at Nanking was particularly brutal. Dr. Smith's finger was cut off to secure his ring. He was then told that he could go free but, on leaving his house, he was shot dead. The reason given for his murder and that of Dr. Williams, President of the American University at Nanking, was that they attended the wounded of the Northern soldiers.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

[NAVY WIRELESS.]

ANTI-FOREIGN PROPAGANDA AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, March 28th. The strike is practically over, but anti-foreign propaganda is rampant.

A large demonstration took place yesterday in the French Concession boundary, but no trouble was caused.

WOOSUNG'S NAVAL ACTION.

FURTHER DETAILS.

Two Chinese warships engaged in a naval action yesterday morning. The *Haichi*, from Tsingtao, fired on the Shanghai cruiser, *Haichao*, without effect. The two ships shelled one another for some time and H.M.S. *Argus* reports that the *Haichi* was struck four times.

The *Haichi* eventually turned tail, and made for the open sea, the cruiser giving chase. The combatants disappeared, but it was later reported that they were again fighting about forty miles from Woosung, with colours half-mast. The action caused no interference with shipping.

[The "Daily Press" published earlier particulars of this "engagement" in yesterday's issue.]

THE FRENCH CONCESSION.

It has been reported that the French intend to return their Concession to China, but this is not confirmed.

The foreign residents of the French Concession became apprehensive of the adequacy of the defensive arrangements and (as already stated) signed a petition asking that the arrangements be left in the control of Major General John Duncan, the British Commander-in-Chief. The French force is to be strengthened.

AT HANKOW.

HANKOW, March 27th. There is no change in the situation to record.

NANKING QUIETENS DOWN.

NANKING, March 27th. General Chiang Kai Shek has left for Shanghai. Things have quietened down considerably.

LATER. There is no further news.

S.S. "KIANG WO" NEGOTIATIONS.

KIUKIANG, March 27th. Negotiations between the British and Chinese authorities for compensation for the commandeering of the British s.s. *Kiang Wo* are proceeding smoothly. The arms and ammunition which were on the vessel when control was recovered, will be surrendered by agreement with the Commissioner.

NINGPO "TENSE."

NINGPO, March 27th. The atmosphere at Ningpo is tense, but up to the present everything is quiet. H.M.S. *Keppel* is remaining on the scene.

CHINKIANG'S SERIOUS SITUATION.

CHINKIANG, March 27th.

All foreigners have been evacuated in view of the serious situation here.

Silver Island fort and Kingyin are firing on all passing steamers.

NANKING VICTIMS BROUGHT TO SHANGHAI.

H.M.S. *Dartmouth* and three steamers, carrying the wounded, the bodies of those killed at Nanking, and the foreigners evacuated from Nanking, arrived in Shanghai at 10 o'clock last night.

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SCHOOL CRICKET IN
HONG KONG.

(Continued).

In addition to the Inter-School games to which I have already referred, matches have been arranged between combined School sides and either University or scratch sides of league cricketers. It is perhaps hardly necessary to point out how beneficial the experience thus gained will be to young cricketers. On February 23rd Mr. A. E. Wood took a combined schools' team to play a University side captained by Dr. Ponsonby Fane. The boys were beaten, it is true, but did very creditably against a much stronger side. Since then two more matches of this type have been played between scratch sides and boys' sides of XVI. under the captaincy of Mr. Youngsaye, the C.R.C. cricketer who is a master at the Diocesan Boys' School, and has shown great keenness in encouraging junior cricket.

On March 20th, if my memory serves me, a match was played between a sixteen captained by Mr. Youngsaye and an XI. under Dr. Ponsonby-Fane. The latter included G. R. Sayer, A. A. Rumjahn, E. J. R. Mitchell, E. P. Ng, R. E. Greig, R. E. E. J. R. Mitchell, and was too strong for the schools' side. I print here a note for which I am obliged to a well-known cricketer who took part in the match.

Mr. Youngsaye has reason to congratulate himself on the show put up by his team, drawn from local schools against Mr. Ponsonby-Fane's XI. on the Sunday before last. They were beaten, it is true, but only after an excellent game, and they took their beating in the best spirit. The batting was remarkably confident and it was particularly encouraging to find that no one appeared at all afraid of hitting the ball hard. Anderson, and in the second innings, F. R. Zimmermann showed good style. Lee (41), also batted well and has the makings of a useful bowler. Clarke caught and bowled Mitchell off a full-blooded drive, a very fine catch. There were some catches dropped but the ground-fielding was very keen, a particularly smart throw-in taking S. V. Gittens' wicket. It is to be hoped that the team, which should give a good account of itself against many local Clubs, will be kept in being.

On Wednesday last, Queen's College and St. Joseph's played a match which was won fairly comfortably by the first-named side. Scores:—

St. Joseph's: 1st innings, 58; 2nd innings, 37, for 5 wickets.

Queen's College: 107.

For the winners A. Hunt batted in admirable style for 58 not out. I understand that he hopes to play for the Chinese Recreation Club next year and he should prove an asset to them. (They want new blood almost as badly as the Civil Service.) I shall be glad to attempt to envisage yet another set of small initials, a left hander, bowled very well, and at present he is not constantly short as so many League bowlers are. He kept quite a good length and one hopes that he won't start dropping them short in the future if he happens to get plunked a bit occasionally. Sufi and Rumjahn also bowled well. (I think we shall have to start making the Ismailis the Rumjahns and the Sufiads into Mark I, II, etc. etc.) For St. Joseph's Pereira was the best bowler and had had luck in having four catches put on the carpet. It must be remembered that this was the first match for St. Joseph's this season, and now that they have started I am told that they should do well next season.

From the various accounts I have received it is clear that the ground-fielding of the Schools is keen and good, but that a good deal remains to be improved in the catching. This is a matter of practice and luckily one does not want a cricket field to practice catching—nor is this a matter that can only be got on with in the winter months.

The support and encouragement of School cricket is clearly a matter which must be taken up. It might, of course, be suggested that they should enter a combined team in the Second League, but I am very averse from this. I cannot, however, see the very slightest reason why every Club next season should not devote one Saturday at home to playing a combined Schools' XVI. I feel sure either Mr. Youngsaye or Mr. Wood would run it. (I refer, of course, to teams-owning grounds.) The team put out to oppose them should I think be an "A" side as it will do the youngsters good to play against some (though not all) of a Club's best players. For instance if either Pearce or Hayward could manage to turn out, the object lesson should be most valuable. It is, I suppose, a matter for the individual Club Committees. I shall, thanks to the kind permission of my Editor, be very glad to hear at any time (c/o Daily Press) from School Secretaries, and if the services of a humble scribe and indifferent cricketer can be of value, they are heartily at their disposal at any time.

R. ABBIT.

LAWN TENNIS CHAM-
PIONSHIPS.

RUMJAHNS' EASY WIN.

NG SZE CHEUNG IN FORM.

In threatening weather yesterday, H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn (holders) knocked out Lau Man Kwong and Lu Tak Cheuk in the second round of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony without difficulty. It was at first anticipated that the Chinese pair would put up a good fight, but they offered so little resistance that they could only claim a solitary game in the three sets. The Rumjahns had matters all their own way and repeatedly beat their opponents with stinging shots. They showed better form yesterday than last week. The match lasted just half an hour, the Chinese pair winning the first game in the second set.

There was more interest in the match between Ng Sze Cheung and I. M. Kazack in the second round of the Open Singles. The Chinese player won in four sets and showed himself to be the more experienced and polished performer. His shots had grace and accuracy, though without much "kick" behind. He won the first two sets without extending himself and time and again beat his younger opponent, who kept going up to the net, with passing shots. Kazack tried to counter attack Ng Sze Cheung by all round play, but showed his lack of experience by persisting in going up to the net without first cornering his opponent. In the third set, Kazack had the lead all the way and was 3-1, 5-3 up. He lost his advantage by reckless play and the struggle went on until he won the set at 9-7. Ng Sze Cheung then asserted himself and won the next set at 6-4.

Cornaby defeated Hussain in straight sets in the same event, conceding two games in each set. This was the last match in the first round.

Yesterday's results were as follows:—

Open Singles.

First Round:—W. B. Cornaby beat S. S. Hussain, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
Second Round:—Ng Sze Cheung beat I. M. Kazack, 6-3, 6-2, 7-9, 6-4.

Open Doubles.

Second Round:—R. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn beat Lau Man Kwong and Lu Tak Cheuk, 6-0, 6-1, 6-0.

Handicap Doubles.

S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 3/6) beat R. G. Wilkerson and N. Barber (rec. 15/1), 6-2, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Doubles.

A. B. Raworth and J. D. Humphreys v. E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher (2nd round).

Club Singles.

R. M. Henderson v. Dr. D. J. Valentine (re-play).

Handicap Singles "A."

Capt. E. W. Mokris (scr.) v. S. E. Green (owe 15/3).

Handicap Doubles "B."

J. R. Hinton (rec. 5/6) v. R. G. Wilkerson (rec. 15/1).

Handicap Doubles.

L. Forster and F. A. Redmond (owe 15/3) v. Capt. E. S. G. Howard and Lt. E. H. J. Larkcom (owe 1/6).

H.K. LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

INCREASED ENTRIES.

THE NEW HON. SECRETARY.

At the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association held yesterday evening at the Hong Kong Cricket Club pavilion, Mr. D. S. Green, the son of "Sammy" Green the well known local exponent, was unanimously elected to be the new Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer for the ensuing year. Mr. C. Miskin, Vice-President occupied the chair in the unavoidable absence of Mr. R. H. B. Hancock, the President, and there was a good attendance. The following Clubs were represented:—Hong Kong Cricket Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club, United Services Recreation Club, University, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Nippon Club, Kowloon British School Former Pupils Association, Craigengower Cricket Club, South China Athletic Association, the European, Y.M.C.A., the Royal Engineers, Club de Recreo, Netherlands Trading Society and Civil Service Cricket Club.

Mr. G. W. Sewell, the retiring Hon. Secretary, presented the report and statement of accounts for the past year. He commented upon the success of the Chinese Recreation Club in winning the three divisions of the League and stated that there was a credit balance of \$60.01 in hand.

(Continued on next column.)

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB BADLY DEFEATED.

Playing at Happy Valley last evening the Hong Kong Rugby Football Club were badly beaten by the Engine Room Artificers' team. The last mentioned turned out a very strong side and had the best of the game winning by 26 points to 6 points.

The teams were as under:—
Club: Easterbrook, Lammert, Wright, Wales, Pritchard, Mills, McKay, Foster, Akehurst, Proes, Southam, M. Smith, Treys, Deveridge, Garrard.
E.R.A.: Flood, Archer, Johns, Tinker, Rothwell, Northwood, Duckworth, Davies, McTaggart, Macdonald, Beaven, Mill, Stobart, Honey and A. N. Other.

HOCKEY.

H.K.H.C. v. K.O.S.B.'s

This game will take place tomorrow at 3.15 p.m. on the U.S.R.C. ground.
H.K.H.C.:—F. H. Holdman, Major J. P. S. Greig, R.E., Rev. N. Evans, A. A. Dand, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), E. L. Sim, G. B. Slipper, R. K. Valentine, Capt. J. H. C. Walker, R.A.M.C., W. Woodward, and G. P. Lammert.
H.K.H.C. v. H.M.S. "Tamar" and Submarines.

This game will take place on Friday at 5.15 p.m. sharp, on the U.S.R.C. ground.
H.K.H.C.:—O. Eager, A. A. Dand, D. Lyon, Major J. P. S. Greig, R.E., E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), E. L. Sim, G. B. Slipper, R. K. Valentine, W. Woodward, Capt. E. Jacobs Larkcom, R.E., and G. P. Lammert.

FINALISTS MEET.

On Saturday afternoon, on the United Services Recreation Club ground, the finalists of the United Services' Hockey League—the Fourth Submarine Flotilla and the Hong Kong-Singapore Brigade Royal Artillery, played the deciding game.

After a match, in which the hockey was of a very high standard, the Indians won the United Services League by the narrow margin of one goal to nil.

GOLF.

FANLING EASTER PROGRAMME.

The principal competition in the Easter programme at Fanling is for the Shanghai Visitors Cup. This is open to members only, and will be played for over 36 holes, medal play, under handicap. The winner will receive a replica of the Cup and will hold the trophy for one year. Another prize will be given for the best eighteen holes under handicap.

There is also a Bogey Pool and Medal Round.

All three competitions may be played on one card, but no player can take more than one prize in the Bogey Pool and Medal Round. There is also a Four balls against Bogey. The only competition on the New Course is a Mixed Medal open to members and subscribers.

Three New Clubs Entered.

Entries were then invited for the League and the representatives duly entered as follows:—

"A" Division:—Hong Kong C.C., Kowloon C.C., Chinese R.C. (holders), United Services Recreation Club, University, Indian R.C., M.B.K., and Nippon Club (8 clubs as against 7 last year).

"B" Division:—Hong Kong C.C., Chinese Recreation Club (holders), Club de Recreo, United Services R.C., University, Craigengower, Indian R.C., M.B.K., Nippon Club and South China A.A. (11 clubs, as last year).

"C" Division:—Hong Kong C.C., Kowloon C.C., Chinese R.C. (holders), Club de Recreo, Craigengower, Netherlands Tennis Club, K.B.S.F.F.A., South China A.A. (8 clubs as against 6 of last year).

There is, therefore, an increase in the entries in the "A" and "C" Divisions. Nippon Club (A and B), South China A.A. (A and C) and K.B.S.F.F.A. (C) being the new teams.

It was decided to close the entries on the 15th April.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place.

Mr. R. H. B. Hancock was re-elected President on the motion of Mr. Miskin, seconded by Mr. C. Choa, and Mr. C. Miskin was re-elected Vice-President on the motion of Mr. Sewell, seconded by Mr. C. F. Lee.

Mr. Miskin proposed the election of Mr. D. S. Green to be the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Sewell seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Other Matters.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Sewell, the retiring Hon. Secretary for the good work he had done during the past year.

The Royal Engineers intimated that they would like to join the League, but had no courts. Under the existing rules, however, their entry could not be accepted. The Kowloon Y.M.C.A. representative said that they wished to join the League, but their courts were not expected to be ready until May. The chairman informed him that the matches would not begin until then.

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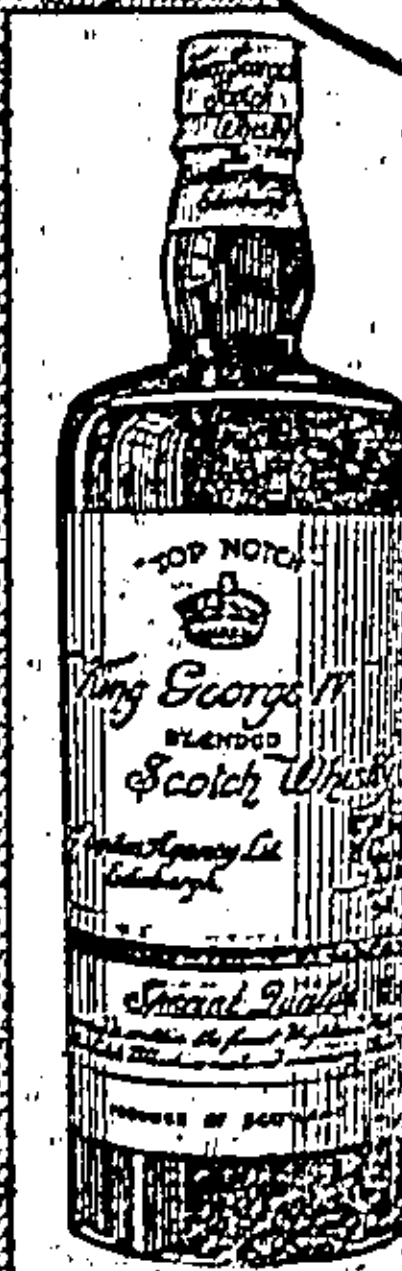
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BOXING AT THE V.R.C.

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H.M. FORCES.

The Victoria Recreation Club are staging an attractive boxing tournament early in May.

It used to be the custom to hold an annual boxing tournament at the Club, but the last one was in 1924. It has now been decided to revive this popular event, partly because of the exceptional number of men of His Majesty's Forces now in the Colony.

No trouble is to be spared to make the tournament attractive, and provided entries roll in, we should see some very fine amateur boxing. It is particularly hoped that Service men will come forward, and with their support plenty of well fought contests are expected.

At present plans have not been fully completed, but it is proposed to hold the tournament over three days, namely on Wednesday and Thursday (May 4th and 5th) and Saturday (May 7th). The tournament in view of the large number of contestants expected will probably be held in two sessions each evening, with the finals on the Saturday night. The intervening Friday will give the fighters a "rest" day.

There will be one main event and the remainder of the programme will be for amateurs of all ages, weights, and stages of experience.

The big attraction will be the competition for the Amateur Boxing Championship of the Victoria Recreation Club and the tournament will be open to all amateur clubs of the Colony, to H.M. Forces, and to local schools. It will be staged in the V.R.C. gymnasium, and carried out under A.B.A. rules.

The Programme.

This programme, as outlined at present, will be as under:—

- 1.—Bantam Weights, boys, under 65 pounds. Confined to Schools of the Colony.
 - 2.—Light Weights, boys, 65 pounds to 75 pounds. Confined to schools of the Colony.
 - 3.—Middle Weights, boys, 75-90 pounds. Confined to schools of the Colony.
 - 4.—Heavy Weights, boys, 91-115 pounds. Confined to schools of the Colony.
 - 5.—Bantam Weights, men, not exceeding 8 stones 4 pounds.
 - 6.—Feather Weights, men, not exceeding 9 stones.
 - 7.—Light Weights, men, not exceeding 10 stones.
 - 8.—Welter Weights, men, not exceeding 10 stones 7 pounds.
 - 9.—Middle Weights, men, not exceeding 11 stones 4 pounds.
 - 10.—Heavy Weights, men, any weight.
- The entrance fee will be \$1 per event.
- The charge for admission has not yet been decided but for Service men it will be at half price.
- Further details of the tournament will be published in due course.

LUNCHEON PARTY ON THE "RESOLUTE."

"A GOOD OLD SPORT."

"A good old sport" is what the four hundred tourists of the s.s. *Resolute* called Commander F. Kruse, master of this luxurious liner. It was agreed by all on board that Commander F. Kruse is a most pleasant and genial captain and merely to say that he is very much liked and respected by all his passengers does not do justice to the complimentary things which the tourists said about him.

Ever to the fore with hospitality, Commander F. Kruse gave a luncheon party to Press representatives on board the *Resolute* yesterday, and a most enjoyable time was spent by all. Besides local press men, representatives from Messrs. Jensen & Co. and Mr. Manners and Mr. Logan of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, were also present. Messrs. Jensen & Co. are the local agents for the Hamburg American Line.

The liner will leave for Keelung this evening.

IN TOUCH.

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:—

Paul Leat, Gopra, Tjileboet, Andre, Lehon, Tjileboet, Ys, Heuts, Aduis, Tjileboet, St. Albans, Angone, Su-Sang, President Madison, Teeta, Mow, Fook, Sany, Haruna Maru, Hakata Maru, Menado Maru, Bistya Maru.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

THE PROPOSED CUT IN WAGES.
REPLY OF MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD.

A short time ago, it was announced that Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, agents for the China Navigation Company, Ltd., proposed to reduce the salaries paid the officers of these steamers. It was understood that the reduction would take effect from April 1st.

Mr. John Watson, secretary of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China and acting secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, has asked the *North-China Daily News* to give publicity to a statement outlining the officers' case.

Officers on China Coast ships, he says, whose rates of pay have already been given in the press of Shanghai (and no reasonable person can truthfully assert that any rank is in the least overpaid) have during the last few years been experiencing as difficult and anxious a time as anyone on the China Coast. The peril of piracy is ever present, and the master and officers of the ships have never complained of the risks they are continually running, as witness the long list of pirates accompanied by violence, there has been no single instance of any action taken in the face of danger which has not been dictated by the strongest consideration for the security of the Company's property and the safety of the Company's passengers.

The *Sumner* piracy is too fresh in memory to call for any reminder of the extent to which the China Coast ship's masters and officers are prepared to go in the performance of their duty to their owners and to the passengers of the ships; while the piracy of the *Hop Sang*, reported as recently, is yet another unmistakable reminder of the ever-present danger to which the officers of coasting vessels in this part of the world are exposed.

In the Danger Zone.

Since the inception of the civil war on the Yangtze, the Company's boats have been running continuously, and in no instance has there been any refusal or objection of officers to what is most decidedly a danger zone.

The officers' case, briefly, is that in view of the remarkably brisk business that the China Navigation Company has been doing and would undoubtedly do again if the women's strike ended, the proposed reduction of the officers' salaries is utterly and completely unjustified, and as ill-timed as iniquitous. They feel confident that the opinion of the great body of the general public will be with them; and they trust that the public will share their hope that money which it is proposed to take from the masters and officers is not earmarked for payment to the Chinese seamen now on strike, and who only last week submitted, though their own union, a demand for another increase.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Arcens (Blue Funnel), due May 2nd.
Agapenor (Blue Funnel), due May 23th.
Afrika (Manners), due April 25th.
Antelope (Blue Funnel), due April 25th.
Arjuna (E. & A.), due April 25th.
Autonard (Blue Funnel), due May 21st.
Carmarthenshire (Jardine), due April 25th.
Changle (B. & S.), due April 25th.
Colleen (Melchers), due May 4th.
Delta (P. & O.), due March 31st.
Desau (Melchers), due May 19th.
Diomed (Blue Funnel), due April 17th.
Elpenor (Blue Funnel), due April 25th.
Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due April 25th.
Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due April 25th.
Fulda (Melchers), due May 31st.
Glaucus (Blue Funnel), due April 25th.
Glenley (Jardine), due April 14th.
Glenlara (Jardine), due May 1st.
Hector (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.
Hessen (Jensen), due April 25th.
Japan (Swed. E.A. Co.), due April 15th.
Jeynre (P. & O.), due April 14th.
Kashmir (P. & O.), due May 12th.
Khiva (P. & O.), due April 14th.
Kt. Companion (Blue Funnel), due April 15th.
Lahore (P. & O.), due March 31st.
Ludwigshafen (Melchers), due April 3rd.
Macedonia (P. & O.), due April 1st.
Malwa (P. & O.), due March 31st.
Mantua (P. & O.), due May 20th.
Morea (P. & O.), due April 25th.
Mitsopore (P. & O.), due May 10th.
Nellare (P. & O.), due April 14th.
Nganza (P. & O.), due April 25th.
Paul Leat (M.M.), due to-day.
Phemius (Blue Funnel), due May 5th.

(Continued on next column).

BIG RACING YACHTS.

PROPOSAL TO REDUCE MAST AND SAIL AREA.
KING'S YACHT EFFECTED.

A momentous decision was reached at the annual meeting of the Yacht Racing Association held at Hyde Park Hotel.

The council brought forward a proposal that the big class yachts, which include the King's *Britannia*, Lord Waring's *White Heather*, Sir Thomas Lipton's *Shamrock* and Sir Mortimer Singer's *Lulworth*, should have their mast and sail areas cut down.

It was contended that they were not manageable in a "hard blow." The proposal was strenuously opposed by Sir Charles C. Allom, Commodore of the Royal London Yacht Club, who at one time owned *White Heather*. The general feeling was in favour of the proposal, which was ultimately carried.

It was stated that Lord Waring will refuse to cut down *White Heather*.

In the spring of last year the *Britannia* was fitted with a new mast made of New Brunswick pine, 100ft. high. This was done on expert advice with the object of enabling the yacht to carry more sail. With her new rig, which made her mast 17ft. higher, *Britannia* carried 8,000 square feet of sail. *Shamrock* has a spread of nearly 10,000 square feet of canvas.

TO "CLEAN" NEW YORK.

MRS. McPHERSON'S CAMPAIGN.

Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, the famous woman evangelist who was recently acquitted by a jury of a charge of conspiracy at San Francisco—it was alleged that she and her mother were parties to a plot involving kidnapping and a demand for ransom—has arrived in New York with the avowed intention of "cleaning up" the American metropolis.

She is young and pretty, and has wonderful powers of organisation. She built the remarkable Angelus Temple at Los Angeles, with a following of 10,000 devoted disciples, and has a most striking personality.

Her trial in California has proved to be a good advertisement, and at three services which she has held in New York the large tabernacle in which they took place has been crowded from floor to ceiling.

A tour of notorious night clubs has persuaded Mrs. McPherson that there is big work ahead. She calls New York "the devil's chief laboratory," but she hopes to show "Satan on his brazen throne" that she is the most effective campaigner since the exploits of Billy Sunday, another famous American evangelist.

As converts march up at the end of the service conducted by Mrs. McPherson, cash also rolls in. Amongst the guests of honour at an overflow service conducted yesterday were women leaders of night-club life and dancers.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

European passengers per s.s. *Haruna Maru* on March 27th, for London via ports:—Mr. and Mrs. S. Oliveira, Rev. J. R. Martin, Mr. H. M. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Forbes, Mr. E. Stoner, Mr. S. Nikoff, Mr. W. H. Nash, Mrs. F. S. Gibbings, Admiral H. Lacerda, Mr. J. W. Barber, Mr. J. Egan, Mr. E. H. Melby, Miss Gibbings, Mr. McGrath, Mrs. Stig Nielsen, Mrs. J. C. Marks, Miss A. J. Marks, Mr. H. F. Ayres, Mrs. Nash, Master Nash, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nagai, Mrs. E. B. Clarke, Mr. J. H. Brownbill, Mrs. L. S. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. T. Nimmo, Master J. Nimmo, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dahlbin, Mr. and Mrs. M. Senoo, Rev. J. S. Lucas, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Soares, Mr. and Mrs. R. Grenade, Miss Louis, Capt. and Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. R. Stroemer, Mrs. B. A. Ratchell, Miss E. M. Ratchell, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Field, Mr. and Mrs. K. Wada, Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker, Mr. W. Webb, Mr. J. A. Samy, Mr. J. B. Pimentel, Mr. S. Crashtwaite, Mr. R. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Stett, and Mrs. A. Grindrod.

President Jackson (D.S. & A.M.L.), due April 3rd.
Prentiss (Jensen), due May 19th.
Salabangka (J.C.S.L.), due April 5th.
Sarpodon (Blue Funnel), due May 25th.
Schwanen (Melchers), due April 21st.
Svarhuesken (Melchers), due Apr. 6th.
St. Allans (E. & A.), due this afternoon.
Takada (B.I. & Apcar), due April 1st.
Tahna (B.I. & Apcar), due April 1st.
Tanda (E. & A.), due May 7th.
Tantulus (Blue Funnel), due May 7th.
Tiladon (B.I. & Apcar), April 1st.
Tjiladon (J.C.J.L.), due to-day.



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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 28th.	Previous On Date	On Date	at
Day	at	at	p.m.
Barometer...	30.07	29.98	29.94
Temperature...	61	57	53
Humidity...	80	54	75
Wind...			
Direction...	E	E	E
Force...	0	0	0
Weather...	0.00	0.00	0.01
Rain...			

Highest open-air Temperature, 27th: 61
Lowest open-air Temperature, 28th: 56

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; E-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 29th to April 4th, 1927.

Day of Week	Date	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	29	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Wed.	30	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Thur.	31	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Fri.	1	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Sat.	2	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Sun.	3	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Mon.	4	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.

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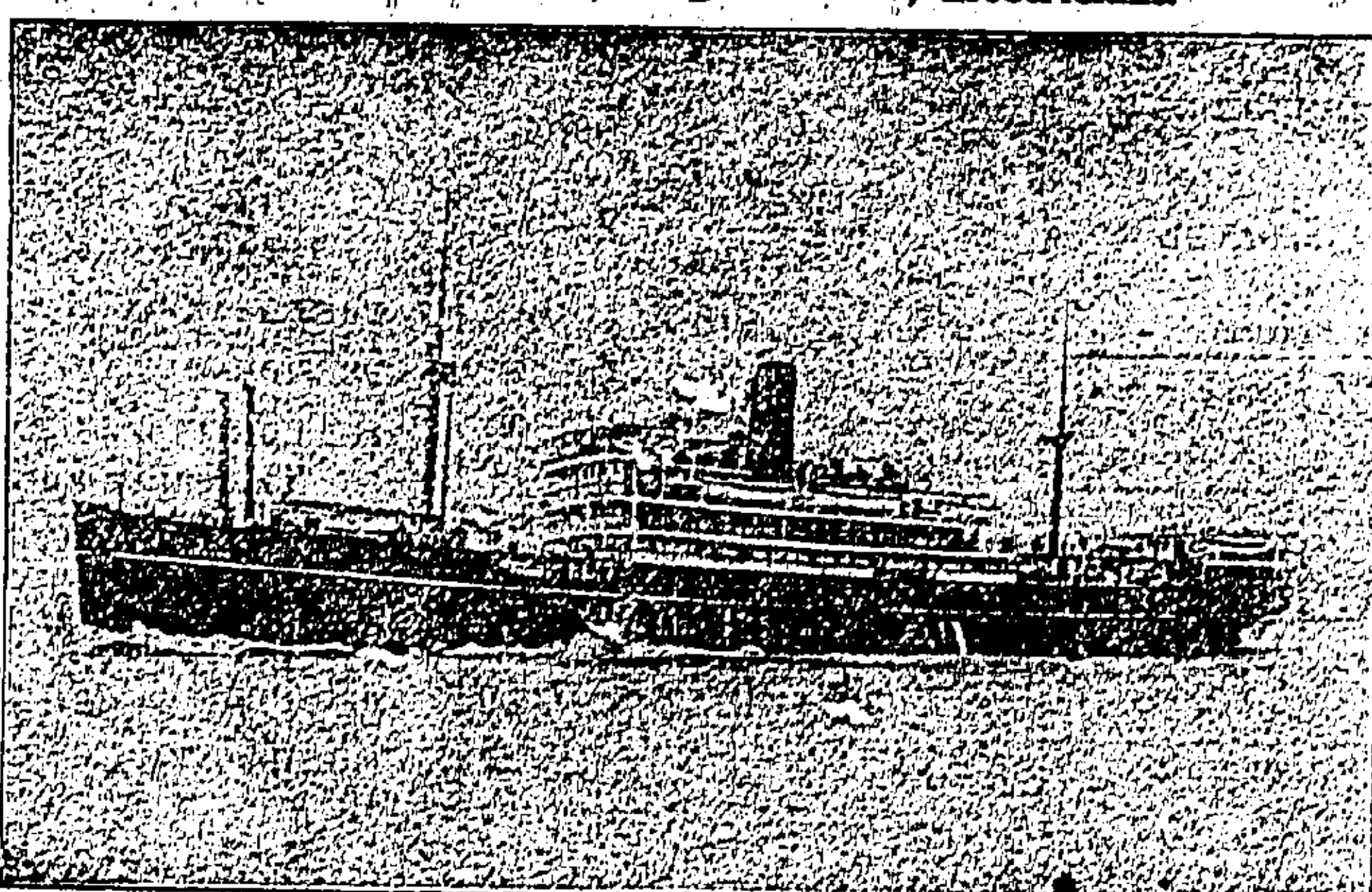
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CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Steamship "CITY OF WELLINGTON" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence Delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 2nd April, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 2nd April, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.

Hong Kong, 28th March, 1927. [4733]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

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All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Monday, the 4th April, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors: Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1927.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE, Agent.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1927. [4738]

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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This vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf B.I.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Monday, Thursday, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 17th April, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 28th March, 1927. [4737]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM NEW YORK VIA MANILA.

CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Steamer "TEUOER" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 28th March.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the cargo extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th April, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 18th April or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

28th March, 1927. [4736]

"GLEN LINE LIMITED."

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA PORTS.

THE Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 4th April, 1927, at Noon, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 1st April, 1927, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered, must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,

Hong Kong, 28th March, 1927. [4735]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD. COPENHAGEN.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 28th March, 1927. [4739]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CANTON & TIENTSIN	"NINGHAI"	On 29th Mar., 10 a.m.
SAIGON & SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 29th Mar., Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 1st April, 10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 3rd April, 8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 3rd April, 10 a.m.
HOIHOW & RAIPONG	"TEAN"	On 7th April, Noon
SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 8th April, 10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 10th April, 6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 10th April, Noon

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ARRIVALS.

March 27th.

Chak Sang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. J. McAlister, from Bangkok and Kohichang. The latter port she left on March 21st, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C35—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
City of Wellington, British str., 3,680 tons, Capt. Cory, from Bremen and Singapore. The latter port she left on March 2nd, with a general cargo and sandal wood, lying at North Point—Bank Line.
Glenluce, British str., 4,120 tons, Capt. H. Kennett, from London, which port she left on February 5th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Kwong Sang, British str., 1,420 tons, Capt. G. H. Hodgson, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Mau Sang, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. I. M. Meyrick, from Sandakan, which port she left on March 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B7—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Poo Sang, Chinese str., 730 tons, Capt. Kwok On, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17—Teen Sing Co.
Nankong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C18—Man Yick S.S. Co.
Tak Hing, Chinese str., 185 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung, from Autau, with a general cargo, lying at Lung Cheung Wharf—Fook Hoi Co.
Tengo Maru, Japanese str., 6,277 tons, Capt. Y. Arakida, from San Francisco and Shanghai. The latter port she left on March 25th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8—N.Y.K.

March 28th.

Ching Kong, Chinese str., 447 tons, Capt. Kwok Shan, from Tourane, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B20—Yau Lee Co.
Derwent, Chinese str., 1,563 tons, Capt. E. Jones, from Singapore, with a general cargo and firewood, lying at buoy No. A28—Yuet On S.S. Co.
Gogga, British str., 3,151 tons, Capt. E. Cluff, from Bombay and Singapore, the latter port she left on March 20th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
President Hayes, American str., 6,105 tons, Capt. J. J. Cadogan, from San Francisco, which port she left on February 28th, with 925 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.
President Pierce, American str., 14,183 tons, Capt. H. Nelson, from California via ports, with 1,796 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.
Raymond Ponce, French str., 1,197 tons, Capt. Loree, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B47—Yik Cheong Co.
Tin Hau, British str., 3,164 tons, Capt. John Reich Bremner, from Cardiff and Colombo, with coal and coke, lying at buoy No. A27—Bank Line.

CLEARANCES.

March 28th.
Bandong Maru, for Batavia.
Bingo Maru, for Singapore.
Clare Jochen, for Singapore.
Glenluce, for Shanghai.
Gogga, for Shanghai.
Hakata Maru, for Singapore.
Hop Sang, for Singapore.
Kairyu Maru, for Keelung.
Katie, for Newchwang.
Kwong Sang, for Swatow.
Lunan, for Saigon.
President Madison, for Shanghai.
President Hayes, for Manila.
Raymond Ponce, for Pakhoi.
Sunkong, for Swatow.
Sungang, for Swatow.
Tak Hing, for Autow.
Wing Wo, for Kwang Chow Wan.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. President Pierce, from California via ports, on March 28th—For Hong Kong: Mrs. L. M. Boytagh, Master D. Beytagh, Master G. Beytagh, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Connell, Mr. L. A. Culcraft, Mrs. J. N. Lopez, Miss I. Lopez, Miss O. Lopez, Miss L. Lopez, Master P. Lopez, Mr. G. Luibl, Mr. D. O. Russell, Mr. C. V. Starr, Mr. P. H. Suckling, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Waller, Master E. Waller, Miss B. Waller, Master E. Waller, Master H. Waller, Mr. A. Brostedt, Mr. G. Damon, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Frost, Mr. S. M. Kinsman, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lake, Mr. Louis and Bow See, Mr. F. J. Mayger, and Bow See. Among passengers passing through on their way to Manila were: Mr. R. N. Allen, Mr. Roy P. Cole, Mr. H. F. Honer, Mr. L. A. R. Horowitz, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Julian, Miss J. Julian, Miss M. Lopez-Mena, Miss L. G. Lyon, Capt. W. S. Brown, U.S.A., and Mrs. W. S. Brown, Mr. F. T. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huck, Mr. J. P. Heilbronn, Mr. A. P. Hailey, Mr. F. O'Rourke, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Post, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomson, Miss E. Thomson, Mr. E. B. Wallace, Mr. G. E. Ziegler, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Polin, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thompson.
Per s.s. President Hayes, from San Francisco via ports:—For Hong Kong: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Chollet, Miss Ferguson, Mr. G. B. George, Mr. Liang Hing Lum, Mr. J. A. Pratt, Mr. T. B. Wilson, Mrs. M. S. Wood, Mr. T. Zunsteg. Passengers passing through Hong Kong were: Mr. R. M. Applegate, Mrs. D. L. Applegate, Richard J. Bourke, Mr. J. W. Brennan, Capt. J. S. Crawford, Ensign Frank Davis, Mrs. Frank Davis, Miss I. V. Dobbey, Ensign Howell C. Fish, Conrad Garcia, Lieut. Wallace E. Gullar, Charles M. Higgins, Miss G. Laubender, Miss A. McQuire, Mr. Lara Naaland, Lieut. Emil B. Perry, Mrs. Amalia E. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Boggess, Mr. C. Breyer, Miss Christine Cameron, Miss Harriette Cameron, Mrs. E. Margis, Master P. Hargis, Mr. G. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Lim, Mr. J. Milch, Mr. H. D. Mundell, Mrs. A. R. Mundell, Miss Lucy Niblock, Mr. E. C. Wright, Augustine van der Zander, Mr. C. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Merle F. Eshbaugh, Mr. E. F. Hardie, Miss Laura Hatchings, Mr. Leo L. Lesser, Miss I. McCleary, Mr. L. A. C. Parish, Mrs. Mary K. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sanders, Mrs. C. A. Vinceneller, Miss M. V. Vinceneller, Mrs. A. M. Luchinger, Mr. G. A. Meister, Mrs. P. U. Meister, Mr. L. H. Sawyer, Mr. M. B. Blakemore, Mrs. E. Fontaine Blue, Mr. F. P. Hahn, Mrs. Eva Hahn, Mr. J. A. W. Loureiro, Mr. G. B. Orwig, Mrs. E. M. Orwig, Mrs. Florence F. Parsons, Miss Mabel Soule, Mrs. Grace E. M. Tedford, Mr. Thomas B. Tybring, Mrs. Mary E. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lutke, Miss Mabel Phillips, Mr. S. Tomioka, Mr. E. Wakabayashi, Mr. W. J. Wilson, Miss M. C. English, Mr. Thomas Lynch, and Mrs. Gertrude Lynch.

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